Dear

Thank you for your Freedom of Information (FOI) request dated 27 December 2019, reference J/19/533.

Your request read:

“I’d like a breakdown of the number of undergraduate students who have suspended their studies (with separate numbers if possible for voluntary suspensions and enforced suspensions), and the number of students who have terminated their studies (again with separate numbers for students expelled and students who voluntarily dropped out, if possible) in the past ten years. Please could you also give me the figures for voluntary and enforced suspensions and terminations of studies in the past ten years broken down by a) gender, b) race, and c) school background - i.e. whether the students came to university from schools from the state or private sector. If any of these figures are unavailable, please give me all the data you are able to provide me with.”

The University of Leeds holds some of this information.

Please find the information held by the University of Leeds disclosed in the attached spreadsheet. Please note that we do not hold information which indicates whether a school was ‘state’ or ‘private’. Please note, we have interpreted “private” to refer to schools which charge attendance fees. UCAS applications include ‘type of school’ but this does not indicate whether the school was ‘state’ or ‘private’; instead providing 36 options which include “Independent School”, “Language School” “Other Secondary School”, “Technical College”, “Sixth Form Centre” and “Academy”. It is therefore not possible to identify schools which charge attendance fees.

We hope this information is helpful. If you have any questions about this email, however, please do not hesitate to contact us on foi@leeds.ac.uk

If you are unhappy with the service you have received in relation to your request and wish to make a complaint or request a review of our decision, you can request an Internal Review. Requests for Internal Review should be made in writing using the following contact information:

Post: Mr D Wardle
      Deputy Secretary
      The University of Leeds
      Leeds
      LS2 9JT

Email: foi@leeds.ac.uk

Requests for Internal Review should be submitted within 40 working days of receiving the University’s response to your request. Further information about how the University manages Freedom of Information requests and about our complaints procedure is also available on our website (www.leeds.ac.uk).
If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. Generally, the ICO cannot make a decision unless you have exhausted the review/complaints procedure provided by the University. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioner’s Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF.

Sincerely

Chloe Wilkins  
Freedom of Information Officer

University of Leeds