Dear

Thank you for your Freedom of Information (FOI) request dated 10 December 2019, reference J/19/511.

Your request read:

“For the years 2017, 2018, and 2019, please publish the total amount paid to each of the following publishers for academic journals:

1. Wiley
2. Springer*
3. Elsevier
4. Taylor & Francis
5. Sage
6. Oxford University Press
7. Cambridge University Press
8. Nature Publishing Group*
9. Royal Society of Chemistry
10. Institute of Physics Publishing

I understand that your expenditure records may be held in academic financial years rather than calendar years. If so, I am happy for the response to be provided in the same format, with figures for 2016/17, 2017/18, and 2018/19. (Although 2019 has not ended yet, my understanding is that payments for access to journals for 2019 are likely to have all been made by now.)

The figures should include payments made directly to the publishers as well as any payments made to subscription agents or intermediaries for the purchase of, and/or access to, the publishers’ academic journals. They should also include payment for journal packages such as Jisc Collections agreements, as well as for individual journals. Please include VAT where possible, and indicate whether or not figures include VAT.

* Although Springer Nature is the parent company for these two publishers, my understanding is that Springer journals and Nature journals are still paid for separately, so I think it makes sense to regard these as two different publishers with different expenditure amounts.”

The University of Leeds holds this information, which is disclosed in the table below:

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<tr>
<th>Vendor</th>
<th>2016/17</th>
<th>2017/18 (£)</th>
<th>2018/19 (£)</th>
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<tr>
<td>Wiley</td>
<td>497,904</td>
<td>500,746</td>
<td>518,399</td>
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<td>Springer</td>
<td>320,405</td>
<td>309,062</td>
<td>327,056</td>
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<td>Taylor &amp; Francis</td>
<td>407,870</td>
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<td>454,401</td>
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<td>SAGE</td>
<td>152,625</td>
<td>163,031</td>
<td>189,252</td>
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<td>Oxford University Press</td>
<td>93,508</td>
<td>107,266</td>
<td>112,194</td>
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Paid Jisc in 2016/17, Oxford University Press from 2017/18 onwards
All figures above are inclusive of VAT.

Please note that while we hold information in relation to payments made to Elsevier, we are withholding this information under section 41 of the Freedom of Information Act. Section 41 sets out information is from disclosure if it was obtained by the public authority from any other person (including another public authority), and, the disclosure of the information to the public (otherwise than under this Act) by the public authority holding it would constitute a breach of confidence actionable by that or any other person.

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Section 41 is an absolute exemption and therefore not subject to the public interest test.

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

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Deputy Secretary
The University of Leeds
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Email: D.Wardle@adm.leeds.ac.uk

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the University manages Freedom of Information requests and about our complaints procedure is also available on our website (www.leeds.ac.uk).

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Sincerely

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University of Leeds