Dear

**Freedom of Information Response (Our Ref: K/20/512)**

Thank you for your Freedom of Information (FOI) request dated 8 December 2020, reference K/20/512.

Your request read:

“1) a) The number of full-time first-year undergraduate students living in on-campus halls of residence during the autumn (or equivalent) term 2020; and b) a percentage figure to show this as a proportion of all full-time first-year undergraduates;

2) a) The number of full-time first-year undergraduate students living at home during the autumn term 2020; and b) a percentage figure to show this as a proportion of all full-time first-year undergraduates;

3) Both of these aforementioned figures for the autumn term of 2019;

4) The number of full-time first-year undergraduate students who have changed from living on-campus to living at home during the 2020-21 academic year;

5) The number of full-time first-year undergraduate students who have changed from living at home to living on campus during the 2020-21 academic year;

6) a) The number of cancellation requests for on-campus accommodation received during the 2020-21 academic year; and b) the number of cancellation requests for on-campus accommodation received during the 2018-19 and 2019-20 academic years.

7) a) The number of successful cancellation requests for on-campus accommodation during the 2020-21 academic year; and b) the number of successful cancellation requests for on-campus accommodation during the 2018-19 and 2019-20 academic years.”

The University of Leeds holds some of this information. We have answered your questions below and have grouped some of them together for ease of understanding.

**The number of full-time first-year undergraduate students living:**
- in on-campus halls of residence in the autumn term 2020
- at home in the autumn term 2020
• in on-campus halls of residence in the autumn term 2019
• at home in the autumn term 2019
and a percentage figure to show [each] as a proportion of all full-time first-year undergraduates

We hold some of this information. We cannot split the information we hold into ‘on campus’ hall of residence, and halls of residence which are ‘off campus’. Nor do we hold information which enables us to limit our answer to only full-time students. As such, the information we hold relates to all University owned and managed halls of residence, and all first year undergraduate students.

In December 2019, 6665 first year undergraduate students checked in to halls of residence.

In December 2020, 5945 first year undergraduate students checked in to halls of residence.

Because we cannot split this figure by full or part-time status, we are unable to provide a percentage figure showing the proportion of full time, first year undergraduate students were registered at halls of residence.

The number of full-time first-year undergraduate students who have changed from living on-campus to living at home (or vice versa) during the 2020-21 academic year

We do not hold information which sets out where hall of residences students have moved from, or are moving to. As such we are unable to answer these questions.

The number of:
• cancellation requests received, and the number granted for on-campus accommodation received during 2020/21
• cancellation requests received, and the number granted for on-campus accommodation received during 2019/20
• cancellation requests received, and the number granted for on-campus accommodation received during 2018/19

We do not record information regarding cancellation requests and therefore are not able to answer these parts of your request.

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
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.

Kind regards

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