Dear

Freedom of Information Response (Our Ref: K/20/513)

Thank you for your Freedom of Information (FOI) request dated 9 December 2020 reference K/20/513.

Your request read:

“Under the FOIA (2000), I wish to be provided with University of Leeds student “residence” data spanning the last 4 academic years since 2017-18 (2017-18, 2018-19, 2019-20, 2020-21 if this is available) broken down accordingly, by each of the 8 University faculties/schools (AHC, FBS, LUBS, FSS, EPS, ENV, MED+HEALTH, Lifelong Learning Centre) and then by accommodation type (see below for examples).

The data I require will encompass all undergraduate students studying in each academic year.

During the undergraduate student registration process, there is a question about the type of term-time accommodation in which each student resides. This includes categories such as “parental or guardian home”, “private rented sector” etc… It is the data held (following the recorded responses to this question), that I am particularly interested in.”

The University of Leeds holds this information, which is set out in the attached spreadsheet.

Please note that where the total number in a particular group is less than or equal to five, we are withholding the total figure under section 40(2) of the FOI Act.

Section 40(2) sets out that information is exempt from disclosure if it is the personal data of someone other than the person making the request, and disclosure would; contravene the data protection principles; contravene an objection to processing; or if the data is exempt from the right of subject access. We consider that the release of this information would be likely to lead to the identification of individuals and would reveal information about their place of residence. This would be unfair and would therefore breach their data protection rights.

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
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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.

Kind regards

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