Thank you for your Freedom of Information (FOI) request dated 11 December 2020, reference K/20/515.

Your request read:

“3a) How many undergraduate medical students in total failed exams and assessments during the following academic years:
   i) 2017/2018
   ii) 2018/2019
   iii) 2019/2020
3b) How many BAME undergraduate medical students in total failed exams and assessments during the following academic years:
   i) 2017/2018
   ii) 2018/2019
   iii) 2019/2020
3c) How many undergraduate medical students in total failed their entire course during the following years:
   i) 2017/2018
   ii) 2018/2019
   iii) 2019/2020
3d) How many BAME undergraduate medical students in total failed their entire course during the following years:
   i) 2017/2018
   ii) 2018/2019
   iii) 2019/2020”

The University of Leeds holds this information. For your convenience we have set out our responses in the table below. Please note that we have interpreted “BAME” to comprise all Mixed, Asian, Black and Other (non-white) ethnicities. There is no specific requirement for students to provide ethnicity information and as such we do not hold complete data for all students. The numbers below therefore only relate to students for whom we hold ethnicity data.

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
therefore reveal sensitive information regarding their ethnicity and educational record. This would be unfair and would therefore breach their data protection rights.

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Please note that as a result of the impact on teaching and learning due to the ongoing coronavirus pandemic, the University of Leeds introduced a 'no-detriment' policy. As a result, all students (aside from those in their final year) were able to progress on their course, unless there were specific reasons which meant this was inappropriate. As such, the number of exam and assessment failures in the 2019/20 academic year was significantly lower than in previous years.

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.

Kind regards

Chloe Wilkins
Freedom of Information Officer

Secretariat
University of Leeds