Dear

**Freedom of Information Response (Our Ref: K/20/523)**

Thank you for your Freedom of Information (FOI) request dated 17 December 2020, reference K/20/523.

You originally wrote to us on 17 December 2020, as follows:

> “The number of students at the University of Leeds who have been prevented from graduating due to being unable to pay tuition fees, in the academic year 2019-2020.

> These should be students who still have not graduated due to outstanding tuition fee payments. I expect there to be a higher number of students experiencing this problem undertaking Master’s degrees, as the government loan does not usually cover the full tuition fee costs.

> If you are able to break it down by university, that would be highly appreciated.”

You later wrote to us again on 18 December 2020, as follows:

> “I'm just emailing to clarify my original request (K/20/523). This sentence was in error so please exclude it from the request: "If you are able to break it down by university, that would be highly appreciated.”

And on 7 January 2021, as follows:

> “Just to clarify my original request: In this context, “graduate” is taken to mean when a student has their degree award certified and/or verified, rather than being able to attend an actual graduation ceremony. If you could break this down by degree level and fee status of student (e.g. home, international).”

The University of Leeds holds this information. Graduations take place in July and December each year.

In July 2020, 52 students (47 Undergraduate and 5 Taught postgraduate) were unable to graduate due to non-payment of tuition fees. Of these, 30 were Home/EU students, and 22 were Overseas students.

In December 2020, 66 students (1 Undergraduate and 65 Taught postgraduates) were unable to graduate due to non-payment of tuition fees. Of these, 34 were Home/EU and 31 were Overseas.
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:  
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Deputy Secretary  
The University of 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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Freedom of Information Officer

Secretariat  
University of Leeds