From: Freedom of Information  
Sent: 12 February 2021 15:37  
To:  
Subject: Freedom of Information Response (Our Ref: K/21/012)

Dear

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Your original request read:

“Leeds University School of Medicine  
Equality and Diversity statistics by Ethnicity  
Number of Applications 2015 - 2020  
Number of Taught Undergraduate & Post graduate 2015 - 2020  
Number of PhDs achieved 2015 - 2020  
Number of graduate dropouts 2015 - 2020  
Please ensure the data provided is by individual ethnic group and the data is not collated as BME. UK born students should be separated from overseas students.”

Your clarification email read:

“Please provide academic years from 2014-15 to 2019-20 inclusive  
Please provid by Home and International students as detailed in the Equality Data - Student Data 2018 ethnicity report which is available on the Leeds University website.”

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

Please note that the information in the “applications” column relates to applications for entry in that particular year. “Registrations” refer to all students registered in the given year, regardless of year of study.

Ethnicity in the “applications” section relates to the ethnicity information which was provided by the individual at the time of application. The ethnicity in the “registrations” section relates to the ethnicity information which was provided by the student at the time of registration. These are not necessarily the same; the applicant/student may decide to give or withhold that information at either stage.

Where the total number of people in a group is less than or equal to five, we are withholding the exact 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. To release information which either directly or indirectly allows students to be identified would, by extension, reveal sensitive personal information (i.e. ethnicity, fee status and academic status) would be grossly unfair, and would therefore breach the data protection rights of the individuals.

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
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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.

Yours sincerely

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