Dear

Freedom of Information Response (Our Ref: K/21/030)

Thank you for your Freedom of Information (FOI) request dated 18 January 2021, reference K/21/030.

Your request read:

“Total number of enrolled students that committed self-harm who required medical treatment
Total number of enrolled students who had committed suicide
Total number of times ambulances were called to campus accommodation for suicide, suicide attempts, and self-harm

I would ideally like this broken down by month from January 1 2019 to December 31 2020, but I will accept whatever recorded information that fits within the 18-rule.”

The University of Leeds holds some of this information. For your convenience we have responded to each of your questions in turn below.

Total number of enrolled students that committed self-harm who required medical treatment
We do not record this information. There is no requirement for students to notify the University when they require medical treatment, particularly when the incident occurs off-campus. We do hold some information in relation to ambulance call-outs associated with student crises, which may include instances of student self-harm. This is set out in response to your final question, below.

Total number of enrolled students who had committed suicide
Although the University is typically notified in the event of the death of a student, there is no obligation to do so, and no particular mechanism by which notification must or should occur. We would also highlight that there is no requirement for the University to be made aware of the cause of death. Nor is there any inherent requirement for the University to be made aware of coroners’ decisions (where relevant). Although we are anecdotally aware of some student deaths over the timeframe of your request where suicide has been presumed as the cause of death, we do not hold any formal records of confirmed cases of student suicides.

Total number of times ambulances were called to campus accommodation for suicide, suicide attempts, and self-harm
We hold some information relevant to this part of your request. The information we hold is limited to cases where the Security Service were notified, and where the incident was determined to be related to student crises (i.e. self-harm, suicide and/or
attempted suicide). It is possible that ambulances were called to campus on other occasions where the Security Service were not notified, and/or that some incidents of self-harm, suicide or attempted suicide were reported to Security, but the cause of the incident was not apparent, meaning the record does not reflect the reason the ambulance was called.

Due to the very small number of records which fall into the scope of your request, we consider that to provide the information broken down by month would risk the identification of students associated with each incident. We are therefore withholding the per-month breakdown under section 40(2) of the Freedom of Information Act. Please find the information broken down by calendar in the table below.

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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.

Yours sincerely

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