Dear

**Freedom of Information Response (Our Ref: K/21/031)**

Thank you for your Freedom of Information (FOI) request dated 18 January 2021, reference K/21/031.

Your request read:

“1. In relation to the 2020 calendar year please state how much money was spent by the university in the redecoration/refurbishment of (i) the vice-chancellor’s office and (ii) the vice-chancellor’s university owned residence.

2. For each episode of redecoration/refurbishment please provide me with a breakdown of what the costs were for.

3. Please provide a complete list of any furniture for either the office or residence that was purchased in 2020 showing the price for each item.”

The University of Leeds holds some information relevant to your request.

The University of Leeds does not provide any residential accommodation for its Vice-Chancellor, and nor does it make any financial contribution to the Vice-Chancellor’s accommodation costs. As such, we do not hold any information in relation to part (ii) of your request.

In relation to the Vice-Chancellor’s office, we can advise that £1,779.90 was spent up to 31 December 2020. This was for storage costs and the cost of hanging (not purchasing) artwork. No furniture was purchased and as such we do not hold any information in relation to part three of your request.

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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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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