Dear

Freedom of Information Response (Our Ref: K/21/038)

Thank you for your Freedom of Information (FOI) request dated 21 January 2021, reference K/21/038.

Your request read:

“1. How many students have sought help through mental health services in the last 5 years
2. How many students have left University, suspended or postponed their studies due to mental health issues in the last 5 years
3. Number of full time or part time employees who have certification or have mental health first aid training.”

The University of Leeds holds some of this information.

Please find the information we hold in relation to question one set out in the table below:

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<th>Academic year</th>
<th>Total attendances (Counselling, Wellbeing and mental health)</th>
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<td>2020/21 (to 26th January 2021)</td>
<td>1447</td>
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We do not hold information in relation to your second question. Although we record the number of students who have withdrawn or suspended their studies for health reasons, we do not break this information down into ‘physical’ and ‘mental’ health.

In relation to your third question, we can confirm that the Student Counselling and Wellbeing service employs 13 full time practitioners, and 11 part time practitioners. All have appropriate certification.

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.

Yours sincerely

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Freedom of Information Officer

Secretariat
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