Dear

Freedom of Information Response (Our Ref: K/21/059)

Thank you for your Freedom of Information (FOI) request dated 30 January 2021, reference K/21/059.

Your request read:

“I am writing to request information on the University of Leeds’ policy on the wearing to the niqab (full face covering for women revealing only the eyes).”

The University of Leeds does not have a formal dress code, and no specific references to the niqab in any of our other policies or guidance.

The University is committed to promoting equality, and respect for the religious belief or non-belief of all staff and students. By law, the University must not treat individuals less favourably than others on grounds of religion, belief or non-belief and we must ensure that our practices and provisions do not (even inadvertently) disadvantage people because of their religious belief, or lack thereof.

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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