Dear

Freedom of Information Response (Our Ref: K/21/105)

Thank you for your Freedom of Information (FOI) request dated 24 February 2021, reference K/21/105.

Your request read:

“During the current 2020-21 academic year to present, the 2019-20 academic year and the 2018-19 academic year (please differentiate):
• How many ambulances have been called to campus or university residences concerning student attempted or possible suicides
• How many ambulances have been called to campus or university residences concerning student self-harm
• How many student suicides have been recorded by the university.

Please note, these figures should cover ambulances called to campus by university staff/security staff, as well as any potential data you have on calls may by students or others. A precise figure should be disclosed, not a 'less than 5' category, given privacy requirements would not be infringed with a precise figure.”

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

- How many ambulances have been called to campus or university residences concerning student attempted or possible suicides
- How many ambulances have been called to campus or university residences concerning student self-harm

We address these questions together.

Please find the information we hold set out in the table below.

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<th>Academic Year</th>
<th>Ambulances called concerning possible student self-harm, suicide or attempted suicides</th>
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The information we hold limited to cases where the Security Service were notified, and where the incident was determined to be related to student self-harm, suicide and/or attempted suicide. We have provided the information as a single category as there are no means by which the Security Service can ascribe intent to an incident.

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. For clarity, we do not record information in relation to times where a student or person other than the security service has requested an ambulance attend the campus.

- **How many student suicides have been recorded by the university.**

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). As such, the information we hold is limited to student suicides which are recorded by the security service. One such case has been recorded over the timeframe of your request. Although we are anecdotally aware of some other student deaths over the previous three academic years where suicide has been presumed as the cause of death, we do not hold any formal records of confirmed cases of student suicides.

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:

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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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