Dear

Freedom of Information Response (Our Ref: K/21/112)

Thank you for your Freedom of Information (FOI) request dated 2 March 2021, reference K/21/112.

Your request read:

“Could you please supply me with the following information concerning drug misuse, as outlined below.

1. How many drug misuse incidents has there been in relation to the students of the university in the years 2016-17, 2017-18, 2018-19, 2019-20, 2020-21?
2. How many drug related deaths have there been at the university within these timeframes?
3. How many referrals to support groups have the university had to make relating to drug misuse within these time frames?
4. How many concerns about students have the university had reported relating to drug misuse within these time frames?”

The University of Leeds holds some of this information.

1. **How many drug misuse incidents has there been in relation to the students of the university in the years 2016-17, 2017-18, 2018-19, 2019-20, 2020-21?**

Please find the information we hold in relation to this question set out in the table below. This information is based on reports made to the University Security Service. We do not hold any other records of drug misuse incidents, and as such it is possible that more incidents have occurred but for which we do not hold a record.

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<th>Academic Year</th>
<th>Drugs misuse incidents</th>
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<td>2016/17</td>
<td>58</td>
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<td>2017/18</td>
<td>85</td>
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<td>2018/19</td>
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<td>2019/20</td>
<td>76</td>
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<td>2020/21 (to 15 March 2021)</td>
<td>30</td>
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<td><strong>TOTALS</strong></td>
<td><strong>340</strong></td>
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2. **How many drug related deaths have there been at the university within these timeframes?**
We do not record information about student deaths in this way.

3. How many referrals to support groups have the university had to make relating to drug misuse within these time frames?

The Security Service do, when appropriate/necessary, make referrals to Forward Leeds. Please find below the number of referrals made by the Security Service since 2019/20. We do not hold information which pre-dates this.

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4. How many concerns about students have the university had reported relating to drug misuse within these time frames?

We interpret this part of your request to relate to wellbeing-type concerns which have been raised with the university about students' drug use. We do not record any information of this nature. Please refer to the number of drug-related incidents which have been reported to the security service as set out in response to question one above.

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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