Dear

Freedom of Information Response (Our Ref: K/21/100)

Thank you for your Freedom of Information (FOI) request dated 17 February 2021, reference K/21/100.

Your request read:

Please could your institution provide the following information relating to the deployment of lateral flow tests to test students for Covid-19.

1. Please provide a link to any guidance that your institution has issued to students and/or staff that:
   a. explains the strengths and limitations of lateral flow tests for covid-19
   b. explains what actions students need to take after they have been tested with lateral flow tests, whether they have a positive or negative result.

2. Please disclose details of any public funding that your institution has received to support the roll out of lateral flow testing.

3. Please state the number of students at your institution who have been tested once or more with lateral flow tests since December 2020, broken down on a monthly basis.

4. Please state the number of students at your institution who received a positive result for Covid-19 after being tested with lateral flow tests since December 2020, broken down on a monthly basis.

5. In addition to any service testing of lateral flow tests at your institution, please state (yes or no) whether your institution is running its own validation study of lateral flow tests to compare their effectiveness against PCR testing. If the answer is "yes", please provide a summary of the validation study and any available findings.

The University of Leeds holds some of this information. For your convenience we have responded to each of your questions in turn below.

1. Please provide a link to any guidance that your institution has issued to students and/or staff that:
   a. explains the strengths and limitations of lateral flow tests for covid-19
   b. explains what actions students need to take after they have been tested with lateral flow tests, whether they have a positive or negative result.
We have published this information on our dedicated coronavirus website.

2. Please disclose details of any public funding that your institution has received to support the roll out of lateral flow testing.

We have not yet received any payments in relation to lateral flow testing. However, we expect to receive payments in future.

3. Please state the number of students at your institution who have been tested once or more with lateral flow tests since December 2020, broken down on a monthly basis.

4. Please state the number of students at your institution who received a positive result for Covid-19 after being tested with lateral flow tests since December 2020, broken down on a monthly basis.

We address these questions together. We do not hold this information. We do not receive test results information, which is held and owned by the NHS.

5. In addition to any service testing of lateral flow tests at your institution, please state (yes or no) whether your institution is running its own validation study of lateral flow tests to compare their effectiveness against PCR testing. If the answer is "yes", please provide a summary of the validation study and any available findings.

No.

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
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The University of 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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