From: Freedom of Information <foi@leeds.ac.uk>
Sent: 10 March 2021 16:00
To: 
Subject: RE: Freedom of Information Response (Our Ref: K/21/079)

Dear 

I write further to my email of 8 March 2021, in which I provided a response to your Freedom of Information request reference K/21/079. The response contained an error. Our response to question three should have said that two students were suspended (rather than one being suspended and one excluded). All other information contained within the response was correct.

Please accept our sincere apologies for any inconvenience as a result of this error.

Yours sincerely

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Freedom of Information Officer
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From: Freedom of Information
Sent: 08 March 2021 16:15
To: 
Subject: Freedom of Information Response (Our Ref: K/21/079)

Dear 

Freedom of Information Response (Our Ref: K/21/079) 

Thank you for your Freedom of Information (FOI) request dated 9 February 2021, reference K/21/079.

Your request read:

“1. The number of incidents/allegations of rape AND/OR sexual misconduct AND/OR sexual harassment reported by students to the university in the academic years 2017/18, 2018/19, 2019/20 and 2020/21 (to the present day).

Please note: I ask for incidents/allegations of “rape AND/OR sexual misconduct AND/OR sexual harassment” as per the university’s definitions in their Student Sexual Misconduct Policy, as I am aware that some universities define all of the above as "sexual misconduct”. Sexual misconduct may cover all forms of sexual violence, including sex without consent, sexual abuse (including online and image-based abuse), non-consensual sexual touching, sexual harassment (unwanted behaviour of a sexual nature which violates your dignity; makes you feel intimidated, degraded or humiliated or creates a hostile or offensive environment), stalking, abusive or degrading remarks of a sexual nature, and a vast range of other behaviours.
Please provide a breakdown of the type of incident if you hold this information separately i.e. total for rape, sexual misconduct and sexual harassment; otherwise, please provide the total for sexual misconduct and clarify that this is the definition you use for all three.

2. The number of students with allegations of rape AND/OR sexual misconduct “found proven” against them through the university’s disciplinary procedure in the academic years 2017/18, 2018/19, 2019/20 and 2020/21 (to the present day). Please can these be provided as separate figures for reports of rape, reports of sexual harassment and reports of sexual misconduct, unless all three come under sexual misconduct as per the university’s policy.

Please note: I am aware that students cannot be found “guilty” of rape AND/OR sexual misconduct AND/OR sexual harassment because the university’s disciplinary system is not legal in nature, but that allegations may be “found proven” and appropriate action taken following a disciplinary investigation.

3. The number of students who, once an allegation(s) of rape AND/OR sexual misconduct AND/OR sexual harassment were found proven by the university, were partially or fully “removed” from campus/the university as a result, in the academic years 2017/18, 2018/19, 2019/20 and 2020/21 (to the present day). Please can these be provided as separate figures for reports of rape, reports of sexual harassment and reports of sexual misconduct, unless all three come under “sexual misconduct” as per the university’s policy.

Please note: by “removed”, this may include:
  i) “expelled” from the university (i.e. permanent removal from the university)
  ii) “complete suspension” from the university
  iii) “partial suspension” from the university
  iv) “banned” from university campus/university facilities

As such, please could you provide a breakdown of those removed from campus as per the definitions i, ii, iii and iv outlined above. If this is not possible, please could you instead provide a total for all students who have been “expelled” AND “suspended” (including complete and partial suspensions) during the aforementioned years following allegations of rape AND/OR sexual misconduct AND/OR sexual harassment having been found proven.”

The University of Leeds holds some of this information.

1. The number of incidents/allegations of rape AND/OR sexual misconduct AND/OR sexual harassment reported by students to the university in the academic years 2017/18, 2018/19, 2019/20 and 2020/21 (to the present day). Please provide a breakdown of the type of incident if you hold this information separately i.e. total for rape, sexual misconduct and sexual harassment; otherwise, please provide the total for sexual misconduct and clarify that this is the definition you use for all three.
Accusations made against other students, and reports made through our online reporting system are handled by the Student Cases Team. Accusations made against members of staff are handled by HR. The information held by the Student Cases Team is limited to the academic year 2018/19 onwards. We do not breakdown the type of incident separately.

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

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<th>Year</th>
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<td>2020/21 (to 9 February)</td>
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2. The number of students with allegations of rape AND/OR sexual misconduct “found proven” against them through the university’s disciplinary procedure in the academic years 2017/18, 2018/19, 2019/20 and 2020/21 (to the present day). Please can these be provided as separate figures for reports of rape, reports of sexual harassment and reports of sexual misconduct, unless all three come under sexual misconduct as per the university’s policy.

Between 2017/18 and 2020/21 (to date), a total of three complaints against students have been ‘found proven’.

3. The number of students who, once an allegation(s) of rape AND/OR sexual misconduct AND/OR sexual harassment were found proven by the university, were partially or fully “removed” from campus/the university as a result, in the academic years 2017/18, 2018/19, 2019/20 and 2020/21 (to the present day). Please can these be provided as separate figures for reports of rape, reports of sexual harassment and reports of sexual misconduct, unless all three come under “sexual misconduct” as per the university’s policy.

In one case, the student was suspended. In one case, the student was excluded.

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
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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