Dear

Freedom of Information Response (Our Ref: K/21/050)

Thank you for your clarified Freedom of Information (FOI) request dated 11 February 2021, reference K/21/050.

Your original request read:

“The number of PhD students across the years (natural and social sciences disciplines, from 2000-2021 if possible), The number of PhD completers and non –completers of the same mentioned years (for both social and natural students). Finally, their mental health states; with percentages of various symptoms such depression, anxiety and any other health barriers they have faced/ are facing when starting the PhD.”

Your clarification email read:

“I am interested in schools of engineering and physical sciences (chemistry and mathematics) and social sciences such as your area named language and education research.”

The University of Leeds holds some of this information. Please find the information we hold set out below.

Please note the following:

- The table below includes all students across the Engineering Schools and Schools of Chemistry and Mathematics within the Faculty of Engineering and Physical Sciences and the Schools of Education and Languages, Cultures and Societies
- The table includes all postgraduate researchers studying for a degree leading to a PhD qualification, including integrated PhDs.
- We understand the term ‘non-completers’ to refer to individuals who have chosen to withdraw from their studies
- The information we hold is taken from our Banner system, which launched in 2001. While some legacy information was transferred into the Banner system, we know this to be incomplete and as such we cannot provide the information you have requested for the 2000/2001 academic year.

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<th>Academic year</th>
<th>Total number of PhD students (across all years of study)</th>
<th>Number of PhDs awarded in that session</th>
<th>Number of PhD withdrawals in that session</th>
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<td>2019/20</td>
<td>1297</td>
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We do not hold any information regarding any health conditions PhD students have been diagnosed with or are experiencing at the beginning of their studies.

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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Freedom of Information Officer

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