

From: Freedom of Information

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To:

Subject: Freedom of Information Response (Our Ref: K/21/149)

Dear

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Thank you for your Freedom of Information (FOI) request dated 23 March 2021, reference K/21/149. Please accept our sincere apologies for the delay in responding to your request.

You originally submitted FOI request reference K/21/128. Further to our response dated 23 March 2021, you submitted this follow-up request:

“In relation to Q2, the response states that: "These purposes will be fulfilled through the collection and analysis of data that relates to how students are accessing a range of digital education resources and tools provided by the university including, but not limited to, virtual classrooms, library book and eResource, online quizzes, and audio and visual content." Please could you expand on what "audio and visual content" means in this context, labelling all the specific types of audio and visual content being monitored for analysis. Could you also please tell me all the digital education resources and tools provided by the university being analysed, as well as telling me exactly how students are aware of the university using analytical tools to monitor them in this way. This can be treated as a new request if you so wish.”

The University of Leeds holds this information. For your convenience we have isolated your questions and answer them in turn below.

- 1. Please could you expand on what "audio and visual content" means in this context, labelling all the specific types of audio and visual content being monitored for analysis.**

The audio and visual content refers to the audio and visual files that students have available to them as part of the programme through the relevant digital education system (i.e. Learning and teaching recordings available through Mediasite, or other standalone video content through MS Stream). This functionality is not yet available in the system and will be added in the future.

- 2. Could you also please tell me all the digital education resources and tools provided by the university being analysed, as well as telling me exactly how students are aware of the university using analytical tools to monitor them in this way.**

Currently only activity which takes place in the University's Virtual Learning Environment is analysed. Over the next period of the project MS Teams and OpenAthens are scheduled to be integrated into the system. The plans for additional systems to be integrated are not confirmed at this stage of implementation, but is

likely to include systems such as Mediasite, MS Stream, PebblePad, Turnitin and TopHat.

The University has issued institutional wide communications and the delivery of the system has been done in partnership with representatives of the Leeds University Union. Students in the specific pilot schools are aware the University has a learning analytics system and that their school is taking part in the pilot which will determine the extent of a future roll-out. Once decisions have been made on the extent to the future rollout, additional communications will be shared throughout the institution to staff and students. All students using the system are provided with detailed information about learning analytics prior to use of the system.

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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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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