

From: [removed] **On Behalf Of** Freedom of Information

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To:

Subject: Freedom of Information Response (Our Ref: K/21/229)

Dear

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Thank you for your Freedom of Information (FOI) request dated 11 May 2021, reference K/21/229. Please accept our sincere apologies for the delay in providing a response to your request.

Your request read:

“Information Required:

Request 1 - Past inspections information of 8 North Hill Road, Devonshire Hall, for tenancy 2019/20.

Request 2 - Any intents to charge for tenants listed above in request 1, in regards to communal sofas at the residence.”

The University of Leeds may hold some of this information.

However, we are unable to disclose the information on both elements of your request under Section 40(2) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Section 40(2) sets out that information is exempt from disclosure if it is the personal data of someone other than the person making the request, and disclosure would; contravene the data protection principles; contravene an objection to processing; or if the data is exempt from the right of subject access. To release information which either directly or indirectly allows students to be identified would be unfair, and would therefore breach the data protection rights of the individuals.

We consider that to provide details of past inspections of a specific University accommodation unit may allow the direct or indirect identification of its residents, whether through a past information specifying details of a room or something else. On a similar note, disclosing information on intents to charge tenants on a specific element of the residential unit (i.e. communal sofas) may also lead to the identification of residents. Information regarding either past inspections or intents to charge is private between the University and the relevant tenants, and therefore expected to be handled confidentially and sensitively.

In the event a tenant(s) seeks information on their individual residential account and any damage charge(s) that may have been made, they would be directed to inquire through the relevant Residences team. The team would then be able to directly provide that information to the tenants.

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
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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.