Dear Freedom of Information Response (Our Ref: K/21/210)


Your request read:

“\(I\) would like to request information under the Freedom of Information Act. \(P\)lease could you provide the following information:

1) Between January 2018 and January 2021, how many reported incidents of sexual assault and rape did you receive in which a male student was the victim? If possible, please also provide the gender of the accused.

2) Of those, please provide a breakdown of how many were allegations, informal complaints, and formal complaints.

3) Of all reported incidents, how many cases were forwarded onto the police?”

The University of Leeds holds some of this information.

1. **Between January 2018 and January 2021, how many reported incidents of sexual assault and rape did you receive in which a male student was the victim?**

There were two reported incidents of sexual assault against a male victim between January 2018 and January 2021. Please note that the nature of the University’s anonymous reporting system means that we are not always made aware of the gender of the victim unless they wish for further action to be taken.

Please also note that the University’s online anonymous reporting system does not require recording the gender of the accused within the report. Therefore, we do not hold any information on the gender of the accused.

2. **Of those, please provide a breakdown of how many were allegations, informal complaints, and formal complaints.**

The two reported incidents were complaints to the University through the anonymous reporting system. In both instances, the student took steps in forwarding the anonymous report to the University and indicated that they wished for further action to be taken.

3. **Of all reported incidents, how many cases were forwarded onto the police?**
We do not hold this information. It is important to note that the University of Leeds does not investigate the incidents of sexual assault/misconduct themselves. Investigations of this nature may be carried out by the police, if requested by the victim(s).

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.