

From: Freedom of Information

Sent: 24 June 2021 13:58

To:

Subject: Freedom of Information Response (Our Ref: K/21/101)

Dear

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Thank you for your clarified Freedom of Information (FOI) request dated 17 March 2021, reference K/21/101.

Your original request read:

1. "The number of lawsuits started against the university in relation to cases of rape AND/OR sexual misconduct in the academic years 2015/16, 2016/17, 2017/18, 2018/19, 2019/20 and 2020/21.

Please note: by "in relation to cases of rape AND/OR sexual misconduct", this includes cases where a civil case has been taken out against the university after a student has been involved in a disciplinary hearing involving rape or sexual misconduct.

2. The number of lawsuits started against the university under the Equality Act in relation to cases of rape or sexual misconduct in the academic years 2015/16, 2016/17, 2017/18, 2018/19, 2019/20 and 2020/21.
3. The total amount of money paid to students in legal settlements in relation to cases involving rape or sexual misconduct in the academic years 2015/16, 2016/17, 2017/18, 2018/19, 2019/20 and 2020/21.
4. The total amount of money paid to students in "goodwill gestures" in relation to cases involving rape or sexual misconduct in the academic years 2015/16, 2016/17, 2017/18, 2018/19, 2019/20 and 2020/21."

Your clarification read:

"To clarify I'm looking for cases exclusively raised by students, regardless who they are against."

The University of Leeds holds some of this information.

There have been no lawsuits relevant to your requests in the timeframe you have set out. As such, we do not hold any information in relation to questions one, two or three.

In relation to question four, one payment of £1000 has been made as a goodwill gesture to a student over the timeframe of your request. Goodwill gestures are typically made in cases where fault cannot be established or the complaint has not been upheld, but where there has been inconvenience, distress etc. caused

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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