From: [removed] On Behalf Of Freedom of Information
Sent: 23 July 2021 10:12
To:
Subject: Freedom of Information Response (Our Ref: K/21/247)

Dear

Freedom of Information Response (Our Ref: K/21/247)

Thank you for your Freedom of Information (FOI) request dated 21 May 2021, reference K/21/247. Please accept our sincere apologies for the delay in providing a response to your request.

Your request read:

“I would like to request the following information:

- How many reports were made to the university of revenge porn in 2020/21, 2019/20, 2018/2019, 2017/2018, 2016/17 and 2015/16?

For each report could I also request the following information:

- Was the (alleged) perpetrator a fellow (if known)?
- Was the victim a student or member of staff?
- Was the victim male or female?
- Did the report lead to disciplinary action by the university? If yes, what disciplinary action?
- Was the report escalated to the police?
- What was the final outcome of the report?”

The University of Leeds holds some of this information.

The University has received one report of revenge porn via our anonymous reporting system (as of June 2021). The alleged incident took place in the 2018/19 academic year. We are withholding further information regarding the report 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, as the University only holds one reported instance of this behaviour, to release further information on the report would likely lead to the identification of either the alleged victim or the accused individual. To release information which could identify the alleged victim would not only breach their data protection rights, but also dissuade individuals reporting such behaviour in the future. Similarly, to release information which could identify the accused individual would be inappropriate in suggesting they have committed a crime when we do not hold proof beyond the initial allegation.
As the University’s reporting system advertises itself as a way for individuals to anonymously report, it would be inappropriate and contrary to the advertised “anonymity” to release information which could directly or indirectly lead to the individuals being identified.

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,