Dear

Freedom of Information Response (Our Ref: K/21/338)

Thank you for your Freedom of Information (FOI) request dated 4 July 2021, reference K/21/338.

Your request read:

“1. What is the total number of cyber security and data breaches, if any, reported to the Information Commissioner’s Office within the last 12 months.

2. What is the approximate number of phishing and spam emails the university has been sent in the past 12 months?

3. Does the university hold a NCSC Cyber Essentials certificate?

4. What is the total number of staff with a cyber security and/or data security qualification.

5. What is the frequency, if any, of penetration testing the university has contracted/carried out within the last 12 months.

6. What is the approximate total amount of money spent on staff’s cyber security training in the last 12 months.

7. What is the percentage of all staff who have completed basic cyber security training (such as, a brief online course, qualification or awareness day training).”

The University of Leeds holds some of this information. For your convenience we have responded to each of your questions in turn below.

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2. What is the approximate number of phishing and spam emails the university has been sent in the past 12 months?

Approximately 6.3 million spam, and 440,000 phishing emails have been sent to the University during the past 12 months. Not all of these messages are actually received into mailboxes, due to the advanced threat protection we have in place.
3. Does the university hold a NCSC Cyber Essentials certificate?

Yes

4. What is the total number of staff with a cyber security and/or data security qualification.

We do not hold this information. Staff are not required to declare all qualifications they hold to the University (particularly where the qualification is not directly related to their current job role).

5. What is the frequency, if any, of penetration testing the university has contracted/carried out within the last 12 months.

Variable. Some systems require annual testing while others are tested at different intervals.

6. What is the approximate total amount of money spent on staff’s cyber security training in the last 12 months.

We do not record this information. Cyber security training takes place across all faculties and services and is recording as spend on training, rather than specifically on security training.

7. What is the percentage of all staff who have completed basic cyber security training (such as, a brief online course, qualification or awareness day training)

Currently 96%

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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