Dear

Freedom of Information Response (Our Ref: K/21/165)

Thank you for your Freedom of Information (FOI) request dated 30 March 2021, reference K/21/165. Please accept our sincere apologies for the delay in responding to your request.

Your request read:

“Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 I would like to request:

   a) the number of alleged sexual offences (as defined by the Sexual Offences Act 2003) reported by UoL students in a) the 2020 calendar year, and b) between 01.01.2021 and 30.3.21; and
   b) how many of these claims were reported to West Yorkshire Police.”

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

1. The number of alleged sexual offences (as defined by the Sexual Offences Act 2003) reported by UoL students in
   a. the 2020 calendar year

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   b. between 01.01.2021 and 30.3.21;

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2. How many of these claims were reported to West Yorkshire Police.

The University of Leeds does not hold this information. The University of Leeds does not refer complaints to the police. Individuals who make reports to the University will be offered appropriate signposting advice, which may include to the police, but it would be inappropriate for the University to take the decision to involve the police; this is a decision which appropriately and necessarily sits with the reporting individual.

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:
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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