Dear

Freedom of Information Response (Our Ref: K/21/349)

Thank you for your Freedom of Information (FOI) request dated 14 July 2021, reference K/21/349.

Your request read:

“I am writing to you under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to request the following information from the undergraduate law department.

Please may you provide me with information on whether undergraduate students receive any training on sexual harassment and violence in the professional context of being a lawyer as part of their studies.

For the avoidance of doubt, I do not mean teaching on the Sexual Offences Act 2003, but rather refer to training on professionalism around addressing sexual harassment within the legal professions.

In particular, I request:
1. Whether this training and/or education is mandatory or elective;
2. Whether any active bystander training is offered, and if it is compulsory (for more information see: https://www.lawsociety.org.uk/en/topics/women-lawyers/challenge-can-be-challenging-being-an-active-bystander);
3. Any pamphlets, brochures, handbooks, online materials (which can be sent to me as a PDF) or similar content which is used in this training and/or education; and
3. Where available, the number or percentage of undergraduate students who have completed this training and/or education.

In the absence of such education and/or training, can you specify if this something your University is actively considering.”

The University of Leeds holds this information.

The School of Law does not provide training on sexual harassment and violence in the professional context of being a lawyer as part of their studies. Training is coordinated at an institutional level and in combination with Leeds University Union. We have no plans to alter this approach in the immediate future.

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  
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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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