Dear

Freedom of Information Response (Our Ref: K/21/350)


Your request read:

“Please may you provide me with information on whether medical students receive any training on sexual harassment and violence in the professional context of being a doctor as part of their studies. For the avoidance of doubt, I do not mean teaching on identifying the signs of sexual abuse, but rather misconduct within the profession itself.

In particular, I request:
1. Whether this training and/or education is mandatory or elective.
2. 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.
3. Where available, the number or percentage of medical students who have completed this training and/or education.

In the absence of such education and/or training existing at present, please could you provide me with information on whether this is something your University is actively considering.”

The University of Leeds holds information relevant to your request.

The School of Medicine at the University of Leeds does not currently include training on this subject as part of the MBChB curriculum.

However, the following is provided to students to educate and support in this area:
- The opportunity to speak up via contacting the School’s Freedom to Speak Up Guardians who encourage and support students to report all kinds of harassment including racism.
- The opportunity to speak up whilst on clinical placement via the School’s Clinical Placement Reporting Tool
- Signposting to support (see page 4 of the attached PDF “Accessing Support whilst on MBChB 2020/21”)

These opportunities are signposted at induction and throughout the year via various channels.
The University also has an online reporting system for all students, and are able to contact Leeds University Union for support.

The School is committed to consistently reviewing the MBChB curriculum to consider additional training in areas not currently covered.

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

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Freedom of Information Officer

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