Dear

Freedom of Information Response (Our Ref: K/21/394)

Thank you for your Freedom of Information (FOI) request dated 13 August 2021, reference K/21/394.

Your request read:

1. "Is your university actively planning to implement a blended learning model (a strategic decision to deliver learning in a new way) in the next year?
   a. Yes
   b. No
   c. Don't know

2. Are you seeing a demand from students for a blended learning model?
   a. Yes
   b. No
   c. Don't know

3. Does your university currently have the necessary technologies in place to operate a blended learning model? E.g. SaaS cloud services
   a. Yes
   b. No
   c. Don't know

4. What is your allocated budget for implementing new/emerging technologies in order to deploy a blended learning model in the next year?
   a. Under £100k
   b. Between £100k - £499k
   c. Between £500k - £999k
   d. Between £1m - £5m
   e. We don't have budget allocated for this

5. Would you consider rolling out a blended learning model internationally?
   a. Yes
   b. No
   c. Don't know

6. If you are planning to continue, or begin, delivering virtual lectures/lessons as part of a blended learning model, do you have any plans to reduce tuition fees for students?
   a. Yes
   b. No
   c. Don't know"
The University of Leeds holds some of this information. For your convenience we have responded to each of your questions in turn below.

1. Is your university actively planning to implement a blended learning model (a strategic decision to deliver learning in a new way) in the next year?
Yes.

2. Are you seeing a demand from students for a blended learning model?
Yes.

3. Does your university currently have the necessary technologies in place to operate a blended learning model? E.g. SaaS cloud services
Yes

4. What is your allocated budget for implementing new/emerging technologies in order to deploy a blended learning model in the next year?
Between £1million and £5million. We will be investing this in staff, equipment and estates.

5. Would you consider rolling out a blended learning model internationally?
The FOI Act provides a right to request recorded information which you believe an organisation holds; it is not possible nor permitted within the terms of the Act for us to provide opinion, where this opinion is not already recorded. We do not hold any recorded information regarding this part of your request.

6. If you are planning to continue, or begin, delivering virtual lectures/lessons as part of a blended learning model, do you have any plans to reduce tuition fees for students?
No.

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
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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