Dear

Freedom of Information Response (Our Ref: K/21/388)

Thank you for your clarified Freedom of Information (FOI) request dated 23 August 2021, reference K/21/388.

Your original request read:

“1. The number of investigations into alleged academic misconduct carried out in each of the following academic years, 2016/17, 2017/18, 2018/19, 2019/20, and 2020/21
2. The number of times the case was upheld (i.e. where there was academic misconduct found) in each of the following academic years, 2016/17, 2017/18, 2018/19, 2019/20, and 2020/21
3. If possible, please provide the number of investigations and the number of cases upheld in each of the following academic years, 2016/17, 2017/18, 2018/19, 2019/20, and 2020/21, broken down by type of academic misconduct involved (such as: plagiarism, collusion, commissioning work from other sources, fabrication, etc.)
4. For cases that were upheld, please provide the number of times each type of penalty was given (e.g. written warning, reduced mark, failure on the assessment, expulsion) in each of the following academic years, 2016/17, 2017/18, 2018/19, 2019/20, and 2020/21.”

Your clarification read:

“Can you answer the original questions (see below) but in relation to cases considered by the committee.”

The Committee referred to is the Committee on Applications.

The University of Leeds holds this information.

Please find attached to this email extracts from our 2016/17, 2017/18, 2018/19 and 2019/20 Student Cases Team Annual Reports. These extracts provide the information you have requested for the relevant years. We have redacted information which falls outside of the scope of your request. The 2020/21 annual report has not yet been produced, and as such the cases which have occurred during the 2020/21 academic year have not yet been categorised, and in many cases are still ongoing, with no outcomes yet determined. As such, for 2020/21 the only information we are able to provide at this stage is the number of investigations (question one), which is 177.
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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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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