Dear

**Freedom of Information Response (Our Ref: K/21/326)**

Thank you for your Freedom of Information (FOI) request dated 22 June 2021, reference K/21/326. Please accept our sincere apologies for the delay in responding to your request.

Your request read:

“I would like to request some information on the handling of sexual assault cases at Leeds University.

I would specifically like to know the number of students at Leeds University who were convicted of sexual assault in the years 2019/20 and 2020/21, the number of students excluded following a sexual assault conviction, and any other punishments imposed (such as non-contact orders) as a result of the conviction.

If possible, I would like this information to be in the form of electronic raw data.”

The University of Leeds holds this information.

We have been made aware of one case of a student being convicted of sexual assault between 2019/20 and 2020/21. The conviction did not involve another student. We are withholding details of any punishments which were imposed in order to protect the identities of those party to the matter. We do so under section 40(2) of the FOI Act. Section 40(2) sets out that information is exempt from disclosure if it is the personal data of someone other than the person making the request, and disclosure would; contravene the data protection principles; contravene an objection to processing; or if the data is exempt from the right of subject access. We consider that to release information which could lead to the identification of one or more individuals party to matters of such a sensitive and upsetting nature would be grossly unfair, and would therefore breach the data protection rights of those individuals, thus engaging section 40(2) of the FOI Act.

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.

Sincerely

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