Your request read:

“I am writing to you under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to request the following information regarding the number of meningitis cases at the University within the past five years (23/08/2016 - 23/08/2021).

1. How many cases of meningitis have there been at the University within the past five years, that you know of?
2. How many of these have been fatal?
3. What do the University currently do to raise awareness and educate on the severity of the issue?
4. Would you consider organising pop up vaccination centres for the MenACWY vaccine, as many universities are doing for the Covid vaccine?
5. If no to question four, why is this?”

The University of Leeds holds this information.

For your convenience we have responded to each of your questions in turn below.

1. **How many cases of meningitis have there been at the University within the past five years, that you know of?**

We are aware of seven cases of meningitis over the last five years.

2. **How many of these have been fatal?**

None.

3. **What do the University currently do to raise awareness and educate on the severity of the issue?**

We work closely with Public Health England (PHE) and with Leeds Student Medical Practice (LSMP), which is a large NHS GP practice located close to campus, to promote meningitis vaccinations. This includes providing information and links for students (including international students) prior to their arrival in Leeds. At the start of the academic year LSMP have a stand onsite during intro week and there is a communication campaign (comprising newsletters, social media etc.). There are then ongoing reminders and communications throughout the academic year. LSMP
operates as a student-focused hub in the city, providing student related updates and information to GP practices across the city.

4. **Would you consider organising pop up vaccination centres for the MenACWY vaccine, as many universities are doing for the Covid vaccine?**

5. **If no to question four, why is this?**

We address these questions together.

Leeds Student Medical Practice runs drop-in vaccination clinics for meningitis through term time (especially the autumn term) which are promoted by the University via student communications, as such we would not normally plan to operate a pop-up meningitis vaccination centre. However if, through discussion and advice from PHE and LSMP, this was thought to be beneficial we would be open to discussing options.

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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