Dear

Freedom of Information Response (Our Ref: K/21/431)

Thank you for your Freedom of Information (FOI) request dated 5 September 2021, reference K/21/431.

Your request read:

“1. Whether Leeds University has ever been part of the Volleyball England Senior Academy Programme, or applied to be part of the programme?
2. If it applied and was not successful, what were the reasons for this?
3. If it considered applying but decided not to, what were the reasons for this?
4. Whether it has any other form of partnership with Volleyball England, e.g. the HEVO Programme.”

The University of Leeds holds this information. For your convenience, we have responded to each of your questions in turn below.

1. **Whether Leeds University has ever been part of the Volleyball England Senior Academy Programme, or applied to be part of the programme?**

   No

2. **If it applied and was not successful, what were the reasons for this?**

   N/A

3. **If it considered applying but decided not to, what were the reasons for this?**

   A partnership between the Leeds University Union (LUU) Volleyball club and Leeds Ruth Gorse Volleyball club was formed in 2020 to strengthen the offer to students at the University of Leeds, with the hope that in the future the club may be able to meet the criteria to apply for the Volleyball England Senior Academy Programme.

4. **Whether it has any other form of partnership with Volleyball England, e.g. the HEVO Programme.**

   Yes – we are part of the Higher Education Volleyball Officer Programme.

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:

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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).

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Sincerely
Chloe Wilkins
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University of Leeds