

Dear [Applicant],

Freedom of Information request reference K/20/021

Thank you for your clarified Freedom of Information (FOI) request dated 31 January 2020, reference K/20/021.

You originally wrote to us on 13 January 2020, as follows:

“I am just e-mailing to ask for a freedom of information request from the medical school.

For the dates 2006-2019 could I please have the following data:

- The total number of students with a degree prior to medical school in each year
- The number of students with a degree prior to medical school who intercalated each year
- A breakdown by ethnic group of the number of students in each year
- An ethnicity breakdown of the total number of students who intercalated each year
- The total number of students who intercalated each year
- A breakdown by gender of the number of students in each year
- A gender breakdown of the total number of students who intercalated each year
- A breakdown by age of the number of students in each year
- An age breakdown of the number of the total number of students who intercalated each year
- A breakdown of how many home/ international students in each year
- A breakdown of how many home/ international students intercalated each year
- A breakdown of how many students registered as disabled in each year
- A breakdown of how many students registered as disabled intercalated each year”

You clarified your request on 31 January 2020 as follows:

- “With regard to the first point- we require information for all medical students regardless of their year of study- so all students in 2018 and not all students commencing in 2018.
- With regard to the second point- we were referring to University of Leeds medical students intercalating both at the University of Leeds and elsewhere. However we do not need information for students intercalating at the University of Leeds from elsewhere.
- With regard to the third point, could we please have the information broken down by individual age.
- Finally the request is for a combination of postgraduate and undergraduate students”

The University of Leeds holds this information, which is disclosed in the attached spreadsheet.

Please note the following caveats:

- Information is provided broken down by academic year.
- Students appear in multiple years (e.g. student starting in 2006/07 will also be in 2007/08, 2008/09, etc.)
- We do not record age as it changes relative to the date. All ages here are calculated as the age on 1 September for that academic year.
- The marker used to identify intercalating medics was not used correctly in 2010/11 – we therefore know these figures to be incorrect.
- We do not record registered disability, for this dataset we have used receipt of Disabled Students Allowance (DSA) as a proxy.

Please note that where the total number of cases in a category is less than or equal to five, we have withholding the total figure 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 the release of this information would be likely to lead to the identification of individuals, and would therefore reveal sensitive information, which would be extremely distressing to the relevant students. This would be unfair and would therefore breach their data protection rights.

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.

Kind regards

Chloe Wilkins

Freedom of Information Officer

Secretariat

University of Leeds