

Dear Applicant,

Freedom of Information request reference K/20/031

Thank you for your Freedom of Information (FOI) request dated 15 January 2020, reference K/20/031.

Your request read:

“I would like to know the details on the following:

A. How many of the University owned student accommodation blocks above 3 stories high:

1. Have been identified as having aluminium composite material (ACM) paneling in their construction? What buildings are they?
2. Has the fire risk assessment carried out as part of the Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order (RRFSO) identified the presence of such cladding?
3. Which of these buildings built using a "timber framed" construction method?
4. Have any of these buildings been served with Article 30 and Article 31 Notices under the RRFSO and a) when were they served and b) are still in force?

B. How many of the University approved student accommodation blocks above 3 stories high provided by other organisations for the university:

1. Which blocks are provided by other organisations and approved by the University for student use?
2. Have been identified as having aluminium composite material (ACM) paneling in their construction? What buildings are they?
3. Has the fire risk assessment carried out as part of the Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order identified the presence of such cladding?
4. Which of these buildings built using a "timber framed" construction method?
5. Have any of these buildings been served with Article 30 and Article 31 Notices under the RRFSO and a) when were they served and b) are still in force?”

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

University-owned student accommodation blocks above 3 stories high

1. Have been identified as having aluminium composite material (ACM) paneling in their construction? What buildings are they?

The University identified that only one of its residences; Sentinel Towers had a small amount of ACM panelling installed when it was built, which did not meet building regulation requirements. The University removed and replaced this cladding in September 2018 with a compliant product.

2. Has the fire risk assessment carried out as part of the Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order (RRFSO) identified the presence of such cladding?

Not applicable.

3. Which of these buildings built using a "timber framed" construction method?

One

4. Have any of these buildings been served with Article 30 and Article 31 Notices under the RRFSO and a) when were they served and b) are still in force?

No

University-approved student accommodation blocks above 3 stories high provided by other organisations for the university

1. Which blocks are provided by other organisations and approved by the University for student use?

Information in relation to all student accommodation, including residences provided in partnership with other organisations is available on our [accommodation website](#).

2. Have been identified as having aluminium composite material (ACM) paneling in their construction? What buildings are they?

None.

3. Has the fire risk assessment carried out as part of the Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order identified the presence of such cladding?

Not applicable.

4. Which of these buildings built using a "timber framed" construction method?

None

5. Have any of these buildings been served with Article 30 and Article 31 Notices under the RRFSO and a) when were they served and b) are still in force?

Not that the University is aware of.

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.

Kind regards

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