

Dear Applicant,

## **Freedom of Information request reference K/20/041**

Thank you for your Freedom of Information (FOI) request dated 20 January 2020, reference K/20/041.

Your request read:

“I can see that you've got a strategic partnership in place for Datacentre and Cloud though I would like to understand what that currently looks like. Please can you kindly answer the below....

1. What is your datacentre transformation strategy?
2. What % of your server infrastructure sits in the cloud and on premise?
  - a. Cloud
  - b. On-premise
3. How many servers do you currently have?
  - c. Number of Virtual Servers
  - d. Number of Physical Servers
4. When are you looking to achieve your cloud migration?
5. What applications are you looking to migrate to the cloud?
6. What applications are you looking to keep on premise?
7. Are there any faculties/departments of the University there run their own servers?
8. When are you looking to complete your Datacentre transformation?”

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

### **1. What is your datacentre transformation strategy?**

Our datacentre transformation strategy is to consolidate core IT equipment into key strategic locations. The approach agreed with the University is to use a combination of an on-site data centre and a commercially managed off-site data centre, and utilising “public cloud” and “software as a service” as appropriate

### **2. What % of your server infrastructure sits in the cloud and on premise?**

Cloud 2%  
On-premise 98%

### **3. How many servers do you currently have?**

Number of Virtual Servers 1,400  
Number of Physical Servers 600

### **4. When are you looking to achieve your cloud migration?**

This is an ongoing process with no specified completion date.

### **5. What applications are you looking to migrate to the cloud?**

### **6. What applications are you looking to keep on premise?**

We address these questions together. The University has a cloud first strategy but there are exceptions based on: best value, data sensitivity and complexity of integration, that mean that some services will not be migrated, at least in the first phase.

**7. Are there any faculties/departments of the University there run their own servers?**

There are a small number of niche activities which still run their own servers (for example the Leeds Institute of Clinical Trials Research) plus some research groups requiring non-standard use of servers.

**8. When are you looking to complete your Datacentre transformation?**

This is an ongoing process with no specified completion date.

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](mailto:foi@leeds.ac.uk)

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Kind regards

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