



Information Assurance and Governance  
Office of the Principal

9 October 2020

Dear Dina,

**Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002**  
**Our Ref: 300-20**

I refer to your enquiry dated 22 September 2020 asking to be supplied with information under the provisions of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 (“the FOISA”) for the last three admission cycles in relation to our Undergraduate Medicine A100 course. The University’s response to each element of your enquiry is outlined below.

The University of St Andrews operates a three-year BSc (Honours) Medicine programme that has UCAS code A100. Graduates of this programme then go on to complete an MBChB/MBBS qualification at a Partner Medical School. The following data refers to UCAS applications to this course only.

The funded and clinical places are regulated and controlled externally to the University and are available from the Scottish Funding Council website ([www.sfc.ac.uk/funding/funding.aspx](http://www.sfc.ac.uk/funding/funding.aspx)). Penalties apply if institutions do not keep within these number controls.

1. Number of RUK students who were interviewed, received an offer and accepted a place on the Scotland route (broken down if possible)

**Table 1: RUK fee status applications and interviews to A100 medicine through UCAS, split by route preference declared on application (Full Time Equivalent) 2020-2021 cycle data correct as of 9 September 2020.**

Route preference	Applications			Interviews		
	2018/9	2019/0	2020/21	2018/9	2019/0	2020/21
Scotland	42	57	68	33	36	29
England	73	108	143	54	62	84
No preference	96	111	78	61	65	40

**Table 2/**

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**Table 2: RUK fee status offers and acceptances to A100 medicine through UCAS, split by route offered and accepted (FTE)**

2020-2021 cycle data correct as of 9 September 2020

Acceptances data includes both firm and insurance acceptances

Route offered/accepted	Offers			Acceptances		
	2018/9	2019/0	2020/21	2018/9	2019/0	2020/21
Scotland	23	27	26	18	23	20
England	108	103	96	85	78	77

**Table 3: RUK fee status offers to A100 medicine through UCAS for applications with 'no route preference' stated on application, split by route offered and year (FTE)**

2020-2021 cycle data correct as of 9 September 2020

Route offered	Offers		
	2018/9	2019/0	2020/21
Scotland	0	2	1
England	56	51	30

- The lowest UCAT of the RUK cohort that was interviewed for a place on the Scotland route

**Table 4: Lowest UKCAT score of RUK fee status applicants interviewed for A100 medicine, split by route preference declared on application and year**

Route preference	Lowest UKCAT score		
	2018/9	2019/0	2020/21
Scotland	2550	2550	2480
England	2560	2560	2400
No preference	2550	2550	2400

- Number of RUK students who were interviewed, received an offer and accepted a place on the England route (broken down if possible)

Please refer to Tables 1, 2 and 3 above.

- The lowest UCAT of the RUK cohort that was interviewed for a place on the England route

Please refer to Table 4 above.

- Number of RUK students who were interviewed, received an offer and accepted a place on the No Preference route (broken down if possible)

Please refer to Tables 1 and 3 above.

- The lowest UCAT of the RUK cohort that was interviewed for a place on the No Preference route

Please refer to Table 4 above.

7. How the candidates from the No Preference route were split between England and Scotland?

Decisions to make offers will be based on the interview score and the 'route' to which applicants have applied. Where applicants have the same interview score, the global UCAT score will be used to differentiate between them.

Interviewees are ranked based on their interview score and then are placed onto their preferred route from the top of the list working down. There are a set number of offers available on each route for each fee status, and therefore places are allocated moving down the ranking until the target number of offers is made on each route for each fee status. Applicants who have indicated 'No Preference' are allocated randomly to the route where spaces are available.

Your right to seek a review of how your information request was managed

If you are not satisfied with the University's response and/or our reasoning set-out above, you have the right to request a review of our decision. The timelines in which this right is available are set out in section 20(5)(a) and (b) FOISA and regulation 16 of the EIRs. In broad terms the right to seek a review must be exercised within 40 working days of receiving this response.

The Information Assurance and Governance team are currently working remotely due to the Coronavirus pandemic. Any request for review at this time should be sent by email to [foi@st-andrews.ac.uk](mailto:foi@st-andrews.ac.uk) stating:

- a) your name and address;
- b) details of your original request; and
- c) the reasons why you are dissatisfied with our response.

If you remain dissatisfied with how your request for information has been dealt with following Review, you also have the right to apply to the Scottish Information Commissioner (SIC) for a decision. In the event of an appeal to the SIC, the Commissioner will generally only be able to investigate the matters raised in the request for review.

Details on how to make an appeal online to the SIC can be found on their website: <http://www.itspublicknowledge.info/YourRights/Unhappywiththeresponse/AppealingtoCommissioner.aspx>.

This concludes the University's response.

Yours sincerely

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