



Information Assurance and Governance  
Office of the Principal

10 April 2019

Dear Lim Boon Lee,

**Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002**  
**Our Ref: 130-19**

I refer to your enquiry dated 20 March 2019 under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 ("the FOISA") seeking admission statistics for A100 Medicine degree programme for international students. The information requested and the University's response are outlined below. Please note that all figures provided are for Full Time Equivalent (FTE).

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 MB ChB/MBBS qualification at a Partner Medical School. The data provided in the tables below relates to UCAS applications to this course only.

1. How many places are available for a) Home/EU; and (b) international students in 2017, 2018 and 2019?

Funded and clinical places are regulated and controlled externally to the University and are available from the Scottish Funding Council website (<http://www.sfc.ac.uk/funding/outcome-agreements/outcome-agreements.aspx>). Penalties apply if institutions do not keep within these number controls.

2. How many places are offered to a) Home/EU & (b) International students in 2017, 2018 and 2019?

The University does not have a fixed offer quota or target for offers and holds no recorded information relevant to this part of your enquiry.

3. What is the average UKCAT score for international students to gain an interview in 2017, 2018 and 2019?

As part of the Medicine admissions process the University requires a minimum score for the UKCAT examination however, this score varies in each application cycle and reflects the application pool. The University reserves the right to lower the UKCAT criteria due to mitigating circumstances.

Table 1/

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**Table 1: Lowest UKCAT score for international students who were interviewed for A100 Medicine, who applied through UCAS, with an Overseas fee status in 2017/18 and 2018/19.**

	2017/8	2018/9
Bachelor of Science (Honours) Medicine	1820	2410

4. What is the average UKCAT score for international students to receive offers in 2017, 2018 and 2019?

There was no average UKCAT score in order to receive an offer. Offers were based on interview ranking. No recorded information is held by the University relevant to this part of your enquiry.

5. What is the number of offers given out to international students in 2017, 2018 and 2019?

**Table 2: Number (by FTE) of offers issued to applicants for A100 Medicine, who applied through UCAS, with an Overseas fee status in 2017/18 and 2018/19**

	2017/8	2018/9
Bachelor of Science (Honours) Medicine	17	25

Data for academic year 2019/20 is not held at the present time as we are still in the process of making offers.

Information on the programme offerings is available at: <https://www.st-andrews.ac.uk/subjects/medicine/>.

6. How many international students accept offers in 2017, 2018 and 2019?

**Table 3: Number (by FTE) of acceptances by offer-holders for A100 Medicine, who applied through UCAS, with an Overseas fee status in 2017/18 and 2018/19**

	2017/8	2018/9
Bachelor of Science (Honours) Medicine	14	18

As previously indicated, data for academic year 2019/20 is not held at the present time.

7. What are the nationalities, UKCAT score and IGCSE scores of international students who accepted the offers in 2017, 2018 and 2019?

As previously indicated, data for academic year 2019/20 is not held at the present time.

### Nationalities

Tables 4 and 5 presented in Appendix A, list the nationalities of the students in each academic year. The number of students of each nationality is not being disclosed due to the small cohort of students being reported on. Release of this level of detail would result in the disclosure of personal information and the University can find no lawful condition set out in the Data Protection Act 2018 to allow this to happen. A breakdown of the data provided by number of students is being withheld under section 38(1)(b), *Personal Information* of the FOISA.

## UKCAT scores

**Table 6: For those who accepted an offer of study for A100 Medicine, who applied through UCAS, UKCAT scores aggregated into groups for 2017/18 and 2018/19**

<b>UKCAT Score</b>	<b>2017/8</b>	<b>2018/9</b>
<2000	6	
2000-2250	8	
2250-2500		5
2500-2750		9
>2750		4
<b>Total</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>18</b>

The following is highlighted for noting:

- UKCAT scores for 2017/18 entry do not include the score for the Decision Making element of the test as a new version is being piloted and UKCAT did not supply this score to university.

## IGCSE Scores

The University does not hold IGCSE data in a reportable format. To provide this information would involve a level of data-analysis and intellectual input that goes beyond the simple retrieval and collation of information resulting in new information being created. This goes beyond the provisions of the FOISA.

8. For proceeding to interview, what is the (a) weightage of academic attainment i.e. AS & IGCSEs/predicted scores (what is points awarded to A/A\*/B) and UKCAT score (How many points awarded for various range of UKCAT score) and personal statement?

The information held by the University relevant to your enquiry can be found on our website at: <https://www.st-andrews.ac.uk/subjects/medicine/medicine-bsc-a100/selection/>

- (b) What is weightage of each MMI station?

Each MMI in each of the years (i.e. 2017, 2018 and 2019 entry) consisted of six stations. To generate an overall MMI score, the scores for each station were added together. The total MMI was scored out of 91. One station was scored out of 11 and the other five stations were scored out of 16.

- (c) For offers to be made to applicants, are interview scores, UKCAT scores & Academic results taken into account? What is the weightage?

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### Information otherwise accessible

As the information provided in response to parts 1, 8 and 8(c) of your enquiry is already publically available, section 25(1), *Information otherwise accessible* of the FOISA is applicable. The University has responsibilities to the taxpayer and other stakeholders to provide value for money. Where the University has expended resource to proactively make information available and the public interest is best served by referring an applicant to that alternative source, then it will do so. Please note that this exemption is absolute and does not require validation through application of the public interest test.

### Information not held

Section 17 of the FOISA requires that a Scottish public authority confirms in writing where information requested of it is not held and notice is given to this effect in relation to data for academic year 2019/20 as noted above. In addition, notice is given that the information requested at questions 2, 4 and 7 (in part) is not held.

### 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 time lines in which this right is available are set out in section 20(5)(a) and (b) FOISA. In broad terms the right to seek a review must be exercised within 40 working days of receiving this response.

Any request for review should be put in writing or some other permanent form e.g. an e-mail and should be sent to the University of St Andrews, through the contact details provided below.

A request for a Review should:

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

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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>

Alternatively, you can contact the SIC by post, telephone or email at:

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This concludes the University's response.

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