



Information Assurance and Governance
Office of the Principal

21 September, 2018

Dear Mr/Ms Rhodes,

Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002
Our Ref: 296-18

I refer to your request for information dated 1 September, 2018 under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 ("the FOISA") in relation to entry onto the Medicine A100 course in the last three academic cycles.

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 table 1 below, 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). Penalties apply if institutions do not keep within these number controls.

Please note that the figures provided for 2018/19 should be treated as provisional as these have yet to be verified as representing the final position.

- 1. What was the minimum UKCAT score required for applicants to receive an interview not including any widening participation students?*

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: The lowest UKCAT score to receive an interview for our BSc (Honours) Medicine programme.

	2015/6	2016/7	2017/8	2018/19
Lowest UKCAT Score	2210	2400	1790	2400

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Please note that the UKCAT test can vary each year so comparisons should not be made from year to year. The UKCAT scores for 2017/18 entry did not include a score for the Decision Making element of the test as a new version is being piloted and UKCAT are not supplying this score to universities.

2. The number of English and Scottish applicants, interviews and offers. English and Scottish declared separately.

Table 2: The number (Full Time Equivalent) of English and Scottish applications, interviews and offers for 2016, 2017 and 2018, for our BSc (Honours) Medicine programme.

	Domicile	2015/6	2016/7	2017/8	2018/19
Applicants	England	166	178	204	184
	Scotland	328	349	364	393
Interviews	England	119	124	146	109
	Scotland	201	194	208	157
Offers	England	86	84	105	96
	Scotland	128	135	126	138

3. The total number of applicants, interviews and offers.

Table 3: The number (FTE) of applications, interviews and offers for 2016, 2017 and 2018, for our BSc (Honours) Medicine programme.

	2015/6	2016/7	2017/8	2018/19
Applicants	787	893	874	1001
Interviews	397	402	421	426
Offers	270	266	268	369

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.

Yours sincerely

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