



Information Assurance and Governance
Office of the Principal

15 August 2022

Dear Manasi,

Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002
Our Ref: 252-22

I refer to your enquiry dated 17 July 2022 asking to be supplied with information relating to our A100 Medicine degree programme as outlined below.

1. Number of RUK (Rest of UK) students with an IB HL score of 666 offered a place under non-contextual admissions in the years 2021, 2020 and 2019.

Table 1: Number of RUK, non-contextual offer holders for A100 with IB score of H6H6H6 for entry in academic years 2019.20 to 2021/22

	2019/0	2020/1	2021/2
Number Offer holders	<5	0	0

Data is presented in the form of 'less than five' where the number being reported on in is small. There is a risk that reporting at a more granular level could result in the disclosure of personal information where there is no expectation of this happening and release would therefore be unfair. This would contravene data protection principle 1(a) in Article 5(1) of the General Data Protection Regulation i.e. that personal data shall be processed lawfully, fairly and in a transparent manner.

Disclosure of information under the FOISA is release of information into the public domain and by extension, members of the University community. It is through this route that identification is most likely to occur when the data is taken in conjunction with other data that could potentially come into the possession of another.

The exemption available at section 38(1)(b), *Personal Information* of the FOISA is being applied in this respect. This is an absolute exemption on not subject to the public interest test.

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2. Average IB score in the lower quartile (first quartile) for RUK (Rest Of UK) students with an offer under non-contextual admissions in the years 2021, 2020 and 2019

Table 2: Lower Quartile of IB Score for RUK non-contextual A100 Offer holders for entry in 2019/20 – 2021/22

	2019/0	2020/1	2021/2
Quartile 1	36	43	44

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. In broad terms the right to seek a review must be exercised within 40 working days of receiving this response.

Any request for review at this time should be sent by email to 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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