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Dear Requester,

Thank you for your email of 29th November requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. Please see the responses to each of your questions below:

1. Whether a candidate's personal statement (which is submitted through UCAS) is considered by the admissions team when considering whether to give that candidate an offer;

If the personal statement is assessed by the admissions team:

2. A list of the marking criteria/factors that are considered by the admissions team when assessing the candidate's personal statement; 3. Whether a candidate's personal statement is given a score or grade of any kind; 4. The weighting attached to the aforementioned score or grade (e.g. 20%); 5. A list of personal statement scores given to offer holders who had applied for undergraduate study in law at your university in the 2018/2019 admissions cycle (and thus received offers for either 2019 direct entry or 2020 deferred entry).

Information regarding the use of personal statements in our admissions process are available on our website here: <http://www.exeter.ac.uk/undergraduate/applications/assessapplication/>. The information you have requested is therefore exempt from disclosure under section 21 of the FOIA.

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