



Information Assurance and Governance
Office of the Principal

15 September 2020

Dear Amelia,

Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002
Our Ref: 259-20

I refer to your enquiry dated 18 August 2020 asking to be supplied with information under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 ("the FOISA") as outlined below.

1. Could you confirm what UKCAT score was needed for a standard, non-contextual applicant for 2016, 2017, 2018 and 2019 entry, please, with an RUK fee status and also into which pathway was selected (Scottish/English/Either).

There is no cut-off UCAT score. Applicants meeting the specified requirements are ranked on the basis of their UCAT global score and those ranked in the top 400 or so are invited to interview. Details on how students are selected can be found on our website at: <https://www.st-andrews.ac.uk/subjects/medicine/medicine-bsc-a100/selection/>.

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 therefore given to this effect.

2. Could you also confirm the number of RUK applicants that applied in these years and how many were successful in gaining a place?

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 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, details of which can be found on the Scottish Funding Council website: www.sfc.ac.uk/funding/funding.aspx. Penalties apply if institutions do not keep within these number controls.

Table 1/

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Table 1: RUK fee status applications and offers to A100 medicine through UCAS, split by year (Full Time Equivalent)

2016/7		2017/8		2018/9		2019/0	
Applications	Offers	Applications	Offers	Applications	Offers	Applications	Offers
182	97	194	104	232	132	276	130

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 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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