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Our Ref: FOI/2021/201

Dear Mr Singh

Your Freedom of Information Request

Thank you for your email, which was received by the University on 31 March 2021. The University's response is set out in the enclosed document.

Your right to seek a review

Should you be dissatisfied with the way in which the University has dealt with your request, you have the right to require us to review our actions and decisions. If you wish to request a review, please contact the General Counsel, Aston University, Birmingham, B4 7ET or e-mail: foi_requests@aston.ac.uk within 40 working days. Your request must be in a recordable format (letter, email, audio tape, etc). You will receive a full response to your request for review within 20 working days of its receipt.

If you are dissatisfied with the way in which we have handled your request for review you may ask the Information Commissioner to review our decision. You must submit your complaint in writing to the Commissioner within 6 months of receiving the response to review letter. The Commissioner may be contacted at:

Address: Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire SK9 5AF

Tel: 0303 123 1113 / 01625 545 745 (+44 1625 545 745 if calling from overseas)
Fax: 01625 524 510

E-mail: notification@ico.gsi.gov.uk
Website: <http://www.ico.gov.uk/>

Yours sincerely



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Paralegal

Your request	Our response
<p>I'd like to inquire about some statistics for this years cycle of application to your BSc and MOptom Optometry courses. Could I please have the following information:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The total number of applicants for each of the two courses this year. 2. The number of applicants actually eligible to be considered for the individual courses from those that applied this year. 3. For each course, the amount of applicants that were interviewed. 4. I understand that you score Optometry interviews into 3 bands, thus of those interviewed how many applicants were in each band for both courses. 5. The number of applicants that received an offer for each individual course. 	<p>This information is scheduled for future publication. Please refer to the University's Publication Scheme at https://www2.aston.ac.uk/about/management-structure/publication-scheme.</p> <p>We have considered whether it would be in the public interest to publish this information prior to official publication. We appreciate that there is a public interest in transparency around this issue. However, publication via this route will allow the University to provide a full set of data which will be more useful to requesters. It also allows University resources to be used efficiently as early publication would result in duplication of effort. We therefore consider that the balance of the public interest lies in not publishing the data at this time.</p>