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Dear Mr Clayton

Freedom of information request

Thank you for your email of 28 November 2018 requesting admissions and entrant statistics for A100 Medicine.

The University of Edinburgh is a global university, rooted in Scotland. We are globally recognised for our research, development and innovation and we have provided world-class teaching to our students for more than 425 years. We are the largest university in Scotland and in 2016/17 our annual revenue was £929 million, of which £265 million was research income. We have over 39,000 students and over 9,700 full-time equivalent staff. We are a founding member of the UK's Russell Group of leading research universities and a member of the League of European Research Universities.

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Previous institution information

The University holds the previous institution categories supplied to us by the Universities and Colleges Admissions Service (UCAS). These categorisations are defined by UCAS and the Higher Education Statistics Agency (HESA). Independent and private schools are categorised as 'independent'. We do not hold this data for some entrants. This is usually because they used the UCAS 'Apply Online' service, which obscures the previous institution information in the data we receive from UCAS. In other cases the categorisation is recorded as 'not applicable' because the student previously attended or transferred from another university. The remaining students are categorised by HESA in general terms as 'state', which includes comprehensive schools, grammar schools, and sixth form and technical colleges. While we hold this information, it has no bearing on our student recruitment or selection decisions.

Requested information

You requested the number of UK domiciled applicants for entry in 2018 to the A100 Medicine degree programme. You also requested the number of those applicants who were from independent schools. There were 1,712 UK domiciled applicants to the A100 Medicine degree programme for entry in 2018, 424 had previously studied in independent schools and 1,008 (59%) had studied in state schools. There were 280 UK domiciled applicants where the previous institution type is not known by the University.

You requested the number of UK domiciled students entering the A100 Medicine degree programme in 2018. You also requested the number of those students who were from independent schools. There were 185 UK domiciled new entrants (excluding returning students) to the A100 Medicine degree programme in 2018, 73 had previously studied in independent schools and 105 (57%) had previously studied in state schools. There were seven UK domiciled students where the previous institution type is not known by the University.

The student statistics above include all students who are or have been matriculated during 2018/19, at the snapshot date, with the exception of those who within five weeks of Semester 1 commencing either withdrew, interrupted or completed their studies. This filter is applied to be consistent with the Scottish Funding Council's statistical approach.

The UK domicile group refers to the students' areas of permanent residence prior to commencing their studies; this information is declared by students at first matriculation.

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Yours sincerely

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