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**Mr Harries**

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8<sup>th</sup> October 2015

Dear Mr Harries,

**Request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (“the Act”)**

Further to your recent request for information held by King’s College London, I am writing to confirm that the requested information is held in part by the university and a copy is enclosed with this letter.

Some of the requested information is not held by the university. Additionally, we consider some parts to be exempt from disclosure under the following sections of the Act:

- Section 43(2) – Commercial Interests

A fuller explanation is provided in our response below.

**Your request**

We received your information request on 13<sup>th</sup> September 2015 and have treated it as a request for information made under Section 1(1) of the Act. I am writing to confirm that some of the information exists and is included in our response.

You requested the following information in relation to the A100 medicine course:

- “1) The median and quartile ranges for the UMS average of the AS levels of those applying and accepted.*
- 2) The median and quartile ranges for the number of A\* achieved at GCSE of those applying and accepted.*
- 3) The median and quartile ranges for IB prediction of those applying and accepted.*
- 4) The median and quartile ranges for predicted A level results and achieved of those applying and accepted.*
- 5) The number of applicants, the number interviewed and the number of offers given.*
- 6) I would also like any scoring or grading system used (such as for interview or personal statement) to assess candidates and if a form or such is available to record the performance, I would also kindly request this.*

7) *How many offers were given to international students/ people who applied during clearing.*

8) *The median and quartile ranges for UKCAT of those applying and accepted."*

### **Our response**

Please see the attached table. The information provided relates to the 2014/2015 cycle.

The university does not hold the information in relation to requests 1 and 4.

We have provided a partial response to request 6. The university is refusing to provide further information regarding the marking criteria used to assess candidates as we believe this information is exempt under s43(2) (Commercial Interests) of the Act. The university considers that releasing this information could prejudice the ability of the university to attract future students.

S. 43(2) relates to information whose disclosure would or would be likely to prejudice the commercial interests of the university or another body. It is subject to a public interest test which requires us to determine that the public interest in withholding the information outweighs the public interest in releasing it.

Disclosure of this information would allow potential candidates to obtain an unfair advantage during the application process and would therefore be likely to prejudice the legitimate commercial interest the university has in attracting and recruiting the highest possible calibre of students in a competitive environment.

The university recognises that there is a public interest in ensuring fairness and transparency in our recruitment of students. However, we feel that the information provided as part of your request, together with the information published on our website ensures this fairness and transparency.

We are therefore satisfied that the public interest in disclosing the requested information interest is outweighed by the strong public interest in protecting the commercial interests of the university by withholding the information.

This completes the university's response to your information request.

### **Your right to complain**

If you are unhappy with the service you have received in relation to your information request or feel that it has not been properly handled you have the right to complain or request a review of our decision by contacting the Head of Information Management and Compliance within 60 days of the date of this letter.

Further information about our internal complaints procedure is available at the link below:

[http://www.kcl.ac.uk/college/policyzone/assets/files/governance\\_and\\_legal/Freedom\\_of\\_Information\\_Policy\\_updated\\_Oct\\_%202011.pdf](http://www.kcl.ac.uk/college/policyzone/assets/files/governance_and_legal/Freedom_of_Information_Policy_updated_Oct_%202011.pdf)

In the event that you are not content with the outcome of your complaint you may apply to the Information Commissioner for a decision. Generally the Information Commissioner cannot make a decision unless you have exhausted the internal complaints procedure provided by King's College London.

The Information Commissioner can be contacted at the following address:

The Information Commissioner's Office  
Wycliffe House  
Water Lane  
Wilmslow  
Cheshire  
SK9 5AF.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'CH' with a stylized flourish.

Caroline Hill  
Information Compliance Coordinator