



Information Assurance and Governance
Office of the Principal

16 October 2019

Dear Dr Maynard,

Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002
Our Ref: 380-19

I refer to your enquiry received on 23 September 2019 under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 ("the FOISA") asking to be supplied with application statistics in relation to our A100 medicine course over the last three years.

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 following data refers to UCAS applications to this course only.

The funded and clinical places are regulated and controlled externally to the University and are available from the Scottish Funding Council website - www.sfc.ac.uk/funding/funding.aspx. Penalties apply if institutions do not keep within these number controls.

You have asked to be supplied with the following information:

1. For UK/EU applicants applying for 2017, 2018 and 2019 entry:
 - a. The number of applications
 - b. The number of applicants who were invited to interview
 - c. The number of offers made
 - d. The number of final acceptances.
2. For international (for fee-paying purposes) applicants for 2017, 2018 and 2019 entry:
 - a. The number of applications
 - b. The number of applicants who were invited to interview
 - c. The number of offers made
 - d. The number of final acceptances.

Please/

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Please refer to Appendix A for the information requested which is being provided to you in full apart from interview data for entry into academic year 2019/20 as this is not currently held in a reportable and verifiable format. The end of cycle data for academic year 2019/20 has yet to be compiled. The process of pulling together this dataset involves data analysis, validation and a level of intellectual input resulting in the creation of new information which is outwith the provisions of the FOISA.

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 in relation to the number of applicants invited to interview for entry in academic year 2019/20.

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 time lines in which this right is available are set out in section 20(5)(a) and (b) FOISA. In broad terms the right to seek a review must be exercised within 40 working days of receiving this response.

Any request for review should be put in writing or some other permanent form e.g. an e-mail and should be sent to the University of St Andrews, through the contact details provided below.

A request for a Review should:

- a) state your name and address;
- b) describe the nature of your original request; and
- c) explain the reasons why you are dissatisfied with our response.

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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>

Alternatively, you can contact the SIC by post, telephone or email at:

Scottish Information Commissioner
Kinburn Castle

Doubledykes Road
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Telephone: 01334 464610
E-mail: enquiries@itspublicknowledge.info
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This concludes the University's response.

Yours sincerely

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