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Dear Mukesh Adiwala,

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 by the university.

Your request

We received your information request on 17 January 2020 and have treated it as a request for information made under section 1(1) of the Act.

You requested the following information:

Can I please get the amount of students that applied to the a100 medicine course. The amount of students that were invited for an interview. The amount of students that were given an offer. Can I get this information for 2019 entry 2018 entry and 2017 entry. Lastly can I get information on how students are assessed at each mmi station for example how are interviewees scored and what are they assessed on. And what are the criteria for giving students an offer after an interview ; is the interview score only used to give An offer or is the interview score used along with the ukcat to give an offer after an interview.

Our response

Please see information below.

Applications Data for A100

	Year of Entry		
	2017	2018	2019
Applications	2849	2438	2621
Interviews	1056	865	1005
Offers	744	835	838

*Please note data is only held on applicants who attended an interview, not all those who were invited.

MMIs and Offer Making:

Admissions advise that the university cannot guarantee that the process for the 2020 application cycle will be the same.

Previously there have been 7 stations. Each station is marked out of 10 for both content and communication skills except for 1 question which is marked for content only. Topics discussed include personal commitment and work experience, ethics, science and current affairs for example. Please also see the prospectus for each programme for more information on interviews:

- ♦ A100: <https://www.kcl.ac.uk/study/undergraduate/courses/medicine-mbbs>
- ♦ A101: <https://www.kcl.ac.uk/study/undergraduate/courses/extended-medical-degree-programme-mbbs>
- ♦ A102: <https://www.kcl.ac.uk/study/undergraduate/courses/medicine-graduate-professional-entry-mbbs>
- ♦ A104: <https://www.kcl.ac.uk/study/undergraduate/courses/medicine-maxfax-entry-programme-mbbs>

Mark sheets are used by interviewers at each station. The interviewer(s) at each station mark the score of an interviewee on a scale of 1-10 for both content and communication.

Interviews will normally be Multiple Mini Interviews (MMIs). Interviewees circulate from one timed station to another and meet several interviewers who will ask structured questions and mark these independently.

Post-interview, we make offers based predominantly on interview performance and UCAT score. There is no cut off 'score' or 'threshold'; it depends on the performance of the cohort that year.

Assessment criteria has been withheld in accordance with section 43(2) of the Act – Commercial Interests. The university considers that release of the information is likely to prejudice the commercial interests of the university, namely the ability of the university to attract the best students, staff and greatest level of funding.

Releasing the information would allow other universities to adopt a scheme that allows them to better identify the best candidates. It could also give prospective candidates additional preparation time and so reducing the effectiveness of assessment.

It is in the public interest for the university to be able to fairly attract best candidates and maintain its position as a world leading university. Providing full information on qualities and traits would put some candidates at a disadvantage; applicants in previous years did not have access to this information, and, if published, some candidates may obtain an unfair advantage on other candidates through access to this information. The university then finds the balance of public interest favours withholding the information on this occasion.

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 Assistant Director of Business Assurance (Information 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

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
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Water Lane
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Yours sincerely

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