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Dear Kumar Cherian,

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 11 August 2017 and have treated it as a request for information made under section 1(1) of the Act.

You requested the following information:

I am writing to you with regards to the admission policy for International (non-EU) applicants to the undergraduate Dentistry BDS course (A205).

Please provide the following information:

- 1) The admission policy including the scoring and ranking procedure to shortlist International (non-EU) applicants for interviews.
- 2) How is the UKCAT score used to rank applicants?
- 3) What is the weighting used for UKCAT score and predicted A-level grades in the ranking?
- 4) Is there a cut-off score for UKCAT? If so, what is the range of the cut-off score?
- 5) Are International (non-EU) applicants ranked against other International applicants, or are they ranked against all applicants both Home/EU and International?
- 6) How is the personal statement use in the selection process? Is there a score for personal statement?

7) Please provide a spreadsheet of all applicants, Home/EU and International (non-EU), who were offered a place, including UKCAT score, and interview scores (if applicable).

Our response

1. The admission policy is the same for home/EU and international applicants. The applicant must meet or exceed the entry requirements, have a competitive UKCAT score compared to other candidates that year, have a strong personal statement and have a verifiable academic reference.
2. It is part of the bigger picture where a competitive score is achieved alongside academic achievement, personal statement and reference.
3. There is no set weighting system used in all assessments of applicants. Each application is viewed in a holistic fashion and each part is considered before a decision is made.
4. There is no absolute cut-off for UKCAT scores – for each cohort they are viewed in the context of other applicants.
5. The university has different intake limits for Overseas and Home/EU applicants, and so they are ranked for offers separately.
6. Personal Statements may be scored based on the degree to which the applicant displays knowledgeable engagement with Dentistry as a subject and a career.
7. Please find attached.

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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Yours sincerely

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