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Dear Mr Wong,

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 some of the requested information is held by the university.

Your request

We received your information request on 31 May 2018 and have treated it as a request for information made under section 1(1) of the Act.

You requested the following information:

1. *How many international students (Non EU) applied to the course M100 LLB law for the admission year 2015, 2016, 2017?*
2. *What is the breakdown of nationality of students (Non-EU) for the admission year 2015, 2016, 2017?*
3. *If the exact breakdown is not available, list the number of students from the following countries for the admission year 2015, 2016, 2017?*
 - ♦ *Singapore*
 - ♦ *Hong Kong*
 - ♦ *China*
 - ♦ *Taiwan*
 - ♦ *Thailand*
 - ♦ *Malaysia*
 - ♦ *Indonesia*
4. *How many international students (Non-EU) received an interview for the admission year 2015, 2016, 2017?*
5. *How many international students (Non-EU) received an offer for the admission year 2015, 2016, 2017?*

6. *How many local students (UK and EU) applied to the course M100 LLB law for the admission year 2015, 2016, 2017?*
7. *How many local students (UK and EU) received an interview for the admission year 2015, 2016, 2017?*
8. *How many local students (UK and EU) received an offer for the admission year 2015, 2016, 2017?*

Our response

Please see attached excel document. Where the total number of students from a particular country is less than 5, the university has replaced the figure with 'equal to or less than five' (≤ 5). The university considers that it is reasonably likely that students could be identified from the low numbers. Such identification would constitute a breach of one of the principles set out in the Data Protection Act 1998 (DPA). This approach is in accordance with the Information Commissioner's Office Code of Practice on Anonymisation. This information is therefore exempt from disclosure under section 40(2) of the Act. This is an absolute exemption which means that the university does not need to consider the public interest in disclosing the information, we only need to establish that the exemption has been engaged. The methodology the university has adopted is a variation of the HESA standard rounding and suppression method.

Full details of the HESA methodology can be found on their website:
<https://www.hesa.ac.uk/about/regulation/data-protection/rounding-and-suppression-anonymise-statistics>

In relation to question 4 & 7 of your request this information is not recorded centrally as we do not keep records of who we interview for M100. We have determined that the cost of complying would exceed the appropriate limit set out in The Freedom of Information and Data Protection (Appropriate Limit and Fees) Regulations 2004 and we are therefore refusing to comply with this part of your information request under section 12(1) of the Act. We assess whether an interview is required on an application by application basis and this is not recorded on a separate system or flagged on an application. To provide this information we would have to go through the notes section on every application for M100.

We have estimated that it would take at least 40 hours for us to locate and collate the information requested.

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

If 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
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Yours sincerely

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