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Dear Stanley Moore,

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 4th July 2023 and have treated it as a request for information made under section 1(1) of the Act.

You requested the following information:

It would be greatly appreciated if under the Freedom of Information Act, you could please provide answers to the following questions for your 2022 and 2021 intake of students to your medical undergraduate programme. The most important answers to me are the UKCAT and BMAT ones, but as much information as possible would be greatly appreciated.

UKCAT and BMAT

- ♦ *What was your BMAT cut off scores? (or if no set cut-off, what was the lowest score an interview was offered for?)*
- ♦ *What was your UCAT cut off scores? (or if no set cut-off, what was the lowest score an interview was offered for?)*
- ♦ *What was your average BMAT scores?*
- ♦ *What was your average UCAT scores?*
- ♦ *What was your highest and lowest score for BMAT that received an offer?*
- ♦ *What was your highest and lowest score for UCAT that received an offer?*

Grades

- ♦ *What was the average profile of a successful student for their GCSE results?*
- ♦ *For successful candidates, what were their predicted A level grades?*
- ♦ *Achieved A level results- how many students were offered places based on Achieved A level results (i.e. those on gap years)?*
- ♦ *Deferred entries- how many deferred entries were made?*
- ♦ *AS results- what was the average successful AS profile?*

Admission statistics for international students

- ♦ *How many applications did you receive each year for the course?*
- ♦ *How many interviews did you offer each year for the course?*
- ♦ *How many offers did you give to local students?*
- ♦ *How many offers did you give to International students?*
- ♦ *How many International students did you accept without any pre-A level qualification (i.e. GCSE/IGCSE but only on the basis of their school transcripts, as for countries like Russia, China and Hong Kong, there are no pre-A level examinations).*
- ♦ *Will IGCSE be weighted the same way as GCSE since it has no longer been regulated by OFQUAL from April 2020?*
- ♦ *What are your English language, GCSE and A-level requirements?*

Our response

It would be greatly appreciated if under the Freedom of Information Act, you could please provide answers to the following questions for your 2022 and 2021 intake of students to your medical undergraduate programme. The most important answers to me are the UKCAT and BMAT ones, but as much information as possible would be greatly appreciated.

Please Note:

- Data presented by UCAS admissions cycle for the course “Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery – MBBS”.
- There were no set cut-off scores, so lowest scores of those invited to interview have been provided instead.
- BMATs were not accepted as part of the admissions cycles so answers are just provided here for the UCAT questions.
- Average figures given to the nearest integer. It is not possible to provide average grade profiles given that the grades inputted by applicants were free-text data. Instead in these instances a full list of the respective grade data have been provided.
- “Successful candidates” have been interpreted as referring to those who ultimately received an unconditional offer and gave a firm response to this.
- All references to international students have been interpreted as referring to those domiciled outside of the UK.

UKCAT and BMAT

- ♦ *What was your BMAT cut off scores? (or if no set cut-off, what was the lowest score an interview was offered for?)*

Please see notices above.

- ♦ *What was your UCAT cut off scores? (or if no set cut-off, what was the lowest score an interview was offered for?)*

For the 2022 cycle: 2380

- ♦ *What was your average BMAT scores?*

Please see notices above.

- ♦ *What was your average UCAT scores?*

For the 2022 cycle: 2713

- ♦ *What was your highest and lowest score for BMAT that received an offer?*

Please see notices above.

- ♦ *What was your highest and lowest score for UCAT that received an offer?*

For the 2022 cycle: Highest – 3380, Lowest - 2420

For the above questions for the 2021 cycle, see:

<https://www.kcl.ac.uk/campuslife/acservices/admissions/admissions-statistics-2021.xlsx>

Grades

- ♦ *What was the average profile of a successful student for their GCSE results?*
- ♦ *For successful candidates, what were their predicted A level grades?*

The attached appendix provides details relevant to your request.

- ♦ *Achieved A level results- how many students were offered places based on Achieved A level results (i.e. those on gap years)?*

The figures below represent those who were initially made an unconditional offer and declared three or more achieved A Levels at the point of application.

For the 2021 cycle - 57

For the 2022 cycle – 75

- ♦ *Deferred entries- how many deferred entries were made?*

Since academic year 2023/4 has yet to begin, we can only speak on those who applied in the 2021 cycle and started in academic year 2022/3.

Namely: 23 students joined in September 2022 who applied in the 2021 admissions cycle.

- ♦ *AS results- what was the average successful AS profile?*

The attached appendix provides details relevant to your request.

Admission statistics for international students

- ♦ *How many applications did you receive each year for the course?*

For the 2022 cycle: 972

- ♦ *How many interviews did you offer each year for the course?*

For the 2022 cycle: 94

- ♦ *How many offers did you give to local students?*

For the 2022 cycle: 509

- ♦ *How many offers did you give to International students?*

For the 2022 cycle: 44

For the above four questions for the 2021 cycle, see:

<https://www.kcl.ac.uk/campuslife/acservices/admissions/admissions-statistics-2021.xlsx>

- ♦ *How many International students did you accept without any pre-A level qualification (i.e. GCSE/IGCSE but only on the basis of their school transcripts, as for countries like Russia, China and Hong Kong, there are no pre-A level examinations).*

The number of international applicants who were accepted and who did not declare GCSEs/iGCSEs grades at the point of application is as follows:

For the 2022 cycle – 14

For the 2021 cycle – 3

- ♦ *Will IGCSE be weighted the same way as GCSE since it has no longer been regulated by OFQUAL from April 2020?*

For the upcoming admissions cycle, iGCSE qualifications will be regarded as equivalent to GCSE qualifications.

- ♦ *What are your English language, GCSE and A-level requirements?*

The information you have requested is already reasonably accessible via Medicine MBBS course page on the King's College London's website. The information has therefore been withheld under Section 21 of the FOIA ('information reasonably accessible to the applicant by other means').

See the 'entry requirements' tab here:

<https://www.kcl.ac.uk/study/undergraduate/courses/medicine-mbbs>

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 Director of Information Governance & Data Protection Officer 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:
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Yours sincerely,

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