



Ref: 202306/591

24 July 2023

Reply to request for information under the Freedom of Information Act	
Your ref	Email of 23 June 2023
Request	See Annex

Dear Sophie,

I write in reply to your email requesting the information detailed above.

ITEMS 1 and 2

Please find the data for item 1 in the table below.

UCAS Cycle	Applications	Shortlisted	Offers	Final Accepts
2019	4	*	*	*
2020	5	*	*	*
2021	*	*	*	*
2022	3	*	*	*
2023	15	*	*	*

- Denotes fewer than three

The data for item 2 has been withheld.

Your request is for detailed individual level data, some of which relating to the current applications cycle, which has yet to be completed. We consider that disclosure of this information in the exact form requested might enable those with access to other information or knowledge to identify individuals and learn new information about those individuals e.g. those from the same school as the candidates or those on the same course. For this reason, we have taken a number of measures to reduce the risk of identification, including aggregating data wherever possible, redacting numbers less than 3, including zero, and withholding college level information.

In taking these measures, we are applying the exemption in section 40(2) of the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA). Section 40(2) provides an exemption from disclosure for information that is the personal data of an individual other than the requester, where disclosure would breach any of the data protection principles in Article 5 of the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR). We consider that disclosure of the information requested in the exact form requested would breach the first data protection principle, which requires that personal data is processed lawfully, fairly and in a transparent manner. Disclosure would be unfair to the individuals concerned,



as it would be contrary to their reasonable and legitimate expectations. They would not reasonably expect that information relating to their application to Oxford would be made public under the FOIA without their consent.

For the disclosure of personal data to be lawful, it must have a lawful basis under Article 6 of the GDPR. There are six possible lawful bases in Article 6; we do not consider that any of them would be satisfied in respect of the disclosure.

The exemption in section 40(2) is an absolute exemption and is not subject to the public interest test provided for in section 2(2)(b) of the FOIA. To the extent that the public interest is relevant in this case, the University considers it is satisfied by the information provided.

ITEMS 3 and 4

Please refer to the subheading for 'Access and Foundation Courses' on the [Entry Requirements](#) page on the Medical Sciences Division's website.

In the context of the Medical Sciences Division, answers are provided at the following link: [Pre-clinical medicine: I have re-sat A-levels \(or an equivalent\) - am I eligible to apply?](#)

Should you have any further queries about the A100 course in particular, please direct these to: admissions@medschool.ox.ac.uk

INTERNAL REVIEW

If you are dissatisfied with this reply, you may ask the University to review it by e-mailing foi@admin.ox.ac.uk. A request for internal review should be submitted no later than 40 working days from the date of this letter.

THE INFORMATION COMMISSIONER

If, after the internal review, you are still dissatisfied, you have the right under FOIA to apply to the Information Commissioner for a decision as to whether your request has been dealt with in accordance with the FOIA. You can do this online using the [Information Commissioner's complaints portal](#).

Yours sincerely

FOI Oxford
Information Compliance Team

ANNEX

I am writing to request the following information:

- 1a) The number of applicants to the A100 course who applied with Access to HE:Medicine as their level 3 qualification in the 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022 and 2023 cycles.
- 1b) The number of applicants to the A100 course who applied with Access to HE:Medicine as their level 3 qualification in the 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022 and 2023 cycles who received an invitation to interview.
- 1c) The number of applicants to the A100 course who applied with Access to HE:Medicine as their level 3 qualification in the 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022 and 2023 cycles who received an offer.
- 1d) The number of applicants to the A100 course who applied with Access to HE:Medicine as their level 3 qualification in the 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022 and 2023 cycles who received an offer and successfully gained a place.
- 2a) Which colleges received applications to the A100 course from applicants who applied with Access to HE:Medicine as their level 3 qualification in the 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022 and 2023 cycles.
- 2b) Which colleges sent out interview invites to the A100 course from applicants who applied with Access to HE:Medicine as their level 3 qualification in the 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022 and 2023 cycles.
- 2c) Which colleges gave offers to the A100 course from applicants who applied with Access to HE:Medicine as their level 3 qualification in the 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022 and 2023 cycles.
- 2d) Which colleges have students on the A100 course from applicants who applied with Access to HE:Medicine as their level 3 qualification in the 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022 and 2023 cycles.
- 3) The University of Oxford's official stance on whether Access to HE: Medicine is a suitable level 3 qualification for entry onto the A100 course.
- 4) The University of Oxford's official stance on applicants who have retaken A levels or other level 3 qualifications.