

### **BSMS 2011/12 Admissions: FOI - Louise Clifford**

- 1) For each applicant who was unsuccessful in obtaining an interview, can I get a list of their UKCAT score, how they were allocated the UCAS Tariff points (ie by music qualifications or A Levels)?

BSMS uses the UKCAT as a final discriminator post interview, should the need arise. Therefore the UKCAT score for applicants who did not gain an interview is not used and is not recorded. BSMS doesn't use UCAS tariff points, offers are made on A Level grades and as such A-Level predictions and AS Level grades are used to academically assess candidates.

- 2) For each applicant who was successful in obtaining an interview, can I get a list of their UKCAT score and their predicted UCAS tariff including the subjects that were studied and how they were allocated the UCAS Tariff points (ie by music qualifications or A Levels)?

BSMS did not use the UKCAT score to make any offers in the 2011/12 cycle; therefore the UKCAT scores of applicants who obtained interviews are not recorded. All applicants that were interviewed would have been predicted 3 A grades at A Level (or equivalent), already achieved 3 A grades at A Level (or equivalent), or be predicted to obtain or already hold a suitable first class or upper second class degree. All applicants are required to study biology and chemistry to A Level, BSMS does not stipulate what subject the third A Level should be in; therefore the subject being offered by applicants is not recorded.

- 3) Can I get a list of criteria that the interviewers looked at during the interview to determine a candidates suitability?

**Understanding of:** - doctors role, the NHS, patients view, multi-cultural society.

**Personal qualities. Underpinning biomedical & psychosocial sciences. Range of activities**

- 4) How was the interview scored? Was it a score out of 10 by each interviewer or anything along those lines?

Each of the 3 interviewers individually awarded a mark - A\*(5), A (4), B (3), C (2) or D (1). Each applicant got a mark out of 15.

- 5) For each applicant who was successful in obtaining an offer, can I get a list of their UKCAT score and their predicted UCAS tariff including the subjects that were studied and how they were allocated the UCAS Tariff points (ie by music qualifications or A Levels)as well as their score in the interview stage?

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- 6) Can I get the UKCAT and UCAS tariff cut off as well?

N/A

- 7) I would also like any scoring or grading system used to assess interview performance and if a form or such is provided to interviewers to record performance is available I would also kindly request this. This specific request is for this years admission cycle, ie 2012/2013 as well as last year.

2011/2012 score sheet is attached.

2012/2013 score sheet is in the process of being re-evaluated ready for interviews in January 2013.