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Dear Mr Waldock

Request for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), 2000 – 2017/062

Your request for information was received on 11 March 2017, clarified on 13 March 2017, and handled under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act, 2000. It is reproduced below for your reference:

Could you please provide two pieces of information:

- 1 - The total number of students admitted with an NCSC or ICCE qualification.*
- 2 - The total number of students admitted BECAUSE they had an NCSC or ICCE qualification (as opposed to other experience or qualifications).*

You clarified that you were interested in the five academic years from 2011/12 to 2015-2016.

Section 1(1) usually entitles you to be told whether the requested information is held and have that information provided to you unless it is judged to be exempt from disclosure. We can confirm that we do hold this information, as follows:

- 1 - 1
- 2 – None

The University of Bath considers applications from students holding ICCE qualifications on an individual basis. While we would consider an application for any of our courses, the ICCE is less likely to be suitable for degrees requiring science or mathematics subjects at a high level. As with all students, we consider applications as a whole, and due to the rarity of the ICCE, students may be required to attend an academic interview as part of the selection process. Where an offer is made, we would consider a subject at Advanced Level in the ICCE as roughly equivalent to an A level, in line with assessments by UK NARIC, the designated national agency for the recognition and comparison of international qualifications and skills.

In relation to your first question, the University will not be disclosing the academic year in which this student joined the University, as there is sufficient risk that this person could be identified (by triangulation of requested data with other information held or otherwise known). The information requested is therefore exempt from disclosure under Section 40(2) of the FOIA, which applies when disclosure would breach any of the principles identified in the Data Protection Act (DPA).

In reaching this conclusion, the University is mindful of the conditions outlined under schedule 2 of this Act. The relevant schedule 2 conditions that apply in this instance are 1 (consent) and 6 (which requires consideration of any legitimate interests pursued via disclosure in relation to prejudice to any legitimate interests or rights of the data subjects that disclosure would cause).

If you are dissatisfied with any aspect of how your request was handled you may ask the University to conduct an internal review. A request for an internal review must be submitted within 40 working days of receipt by you of this response. Requests received outside this period will only be considered at the University's discretion and where there is a valid reason to do so. Applications for internal review should be addressed in writing to: The University Secretary, University of Bath, Claverton Down, Bath BA2 7AY or e-mail M.G.W.Humphriss@bath.ac.uk.

If you remain dissatisfied you may appeal to the Information Commissioner's Office at Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire SK9 5AF. Further details of this process are available via the following link: <https://ico.org.uk/concerns/getting/> Please note that the Information Commissioner will only consider appeals once the internal review process has been completed.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'John Evans', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

John Evans
Freedom of Information Officer