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Dear Jean,

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 1 May 2019 and have treated it as a request for information made under section 1(1) of the Act.

You requested the following information:

Are you able to please provide me with the following information regarding the A102 (Graduate/Professional-Entry MBBS) programme and the A100 (five-year MBBS) programme?

In the past four application cycles (in other words, with regards to applications made for the 2016, 2017, 2018 and 2019 years of entry), how many applicants with an undergraduate degree in psychology or with 'psychology' in the title (as their only undergraduate degree):

- i) applied to each course,*
- ii) were selected to interview for each course,*
- iii) were made an offer for each course?*

Our response

		A100						A102			
	2016 /7	2017 /8	2018 /9	2019 /0			2016 /7	2017 /8	2018 /9	2019 /0	
Applied	15	6	≤5	≤5		Applied	45	19	15	25	
Interview ed	≤5	0	≤5	0		Interview ed	≤5	≤5	0	0	

Offered	≤5	0	≤5	0		Offered	0	0	0	0
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Where the total number of number of individuals is 5 or under, 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 2018 (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. Numbers that are five or fewer are replaced with "≤5 (less than or equal to five)"; when needed to prevent potential identification all other numbers are rounded to the nearest multiple of five (halves are rounded upwards).

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>

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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