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Dear Mr Carter,

**Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 (the "Act")**  
**Your request:**

Thank you for your request for information under the Act which we received on 04 January 2012. You have requested the following information:

*For each course that the University offered for the 2011 application cycle (with deferred entry in 2012):*

*1. a) The number of applications received by the university through UCAS by the standard deadline for consideration in accordance with the deadline of the relevant course for entrance in that particular application cycle (including deferred applications from the previous application cycle, but not including deferred applications for entrance in the next application cycle).*

*b) The number of direct applications received by the university by the standard deadline for consideration in accordance with the deadline of the relevant course for entrance in that particular application cycle (including deferred applications from the previous application cycle, but not including deferred applications for entrance in the next application cycle).*

*c) The total number of applications received by the university for consideration in accordance with the deadline of the relevant course for entrance in that particular application cycle (including deferred applications from the previous application cycle, but not including deferred applications for entrance in the next application cycle).*

*d) The number of applications received by the university through UCAS after the standard deadline for the course in question that were considered for entrance in that particular application cycle (including deferred applications from the previous application cycle, but not including deferred applications for entrance in the next application cycle).*

*e) The number of direct applications received by the university after the standard deadline for the course in question that were considered for entrance in that particular application cycle (including deferred applications from the previous application cycle, but not including deferred applications for entrance in the next application cycle).*



*f) The total number of applications received by the university for consideration after the standard deadline for the course in question that were considered for entrance in that particular application cycle (including deferred applications from the previous application cycle, but not including deferred applications for entrance in the next application cycle).*

*g) The number of applications received by the university through UCAS after the standard deadline for the course in question that were not considered for entrance in that particular application cycle (including deferred applications from the previous application cycle, but not including deferred applications for entrance in the next application cycle).*

*h) The number of direct applications received by the university after the standard deadline for the course in question that were not considered for entrance in that particular application cycle (including deferred applications from the previous application cycle, but not including deferred applications for entrance in the next application cycle).*

*i) The total number of applications received by the university for consideration after the standard deadline for the course in question that were not considered for entrance in that particular application cycle (including deferred applications from the previous application cycle, but not including deferred applications for entrance in the next application cycle).*

*j) The total number of applications received by the university that were considered regardless of the date of reciprocity for entrance in that particular application cycle (including deferred applications from the previous application cycle, but not including deferred applications for entrance in the next application cycle).*

*k) The total number of applications received by the university regardless of whether they were considered or not for entrance in that particular application cycle (including deferred applications from the previous application cycle, but not including deferred applications for entrance in the next application cycle).*

*2. a) The number of offers made by the university to applicants who applied through UCAS by the standard deadline for the course in question for entrance in that particular application cycle (including deferred applications from the previous application cycle, but not including deferred applications for entrance in the next application cycle).*

*b) The number of offers made by the university to direct applicants who applied by the standard deadline for the course in question for entrance in that particular application cycle (including deferred applications from the previous application cycle, but not including deferred applications for entrance in the next application cycle).*



*c) The total number of offers made by the university to all applicants who applied by the standard deadline for the course in question for entrance in that particular application cycle (including deferred applications from the previous application cycle, but not including deferred applications for entrance in the next application cycle).*

*d) The number of offers made by the university to applicants who applied through UCAS after the standard deadline for the course in question for entrance in that particular application cycle (including deferred applications from the previous application cycle, but not including deferred applications for entrance in the next application cycle).*

*e) The number of offers made by the university to direct applicants who applied after the standard deadline for the course in question for entrance in that particular application cycle (including deferred applications from the previous application cycle, but not including deferred applications for entrance in the next application cycle).*

*f) The total number of offers made by the university to all applicants who applied after the standard deadline for the course in question for entrance in that particular application cycle (including deferred applications from the previous application cycle, but not including deferred applications for entrance in the next application cycle).*

*g) The total number of offers made by the university to all applicants who applied for entrance in that particular application cycle (including deferred applications from the previous application cycle, but not including deferred applications for entrance in the next application cycle).*

*h) The number of deferred offers made by the university to applicants who applied for entry in that particular application cycle.*

*i) The number of offers for entry in the current cycle made to applicants who applied for deferred entry in that particular application cycle.*

*3. a) The total number of applicants who made the course their "firm" choice.*

*b) The total number of applicants who made the course their "insurance" choice.*

*c) The number of applicants in a) who commenced the course in question.*



*d) The number of applicants in b) who commenced the course in question.*

*4. a) The number of students not included in who commenced the course through "clearing".*

*b) The number of students who commenced the course through "adjustment".*

*c) The number of students who commenced the course for a reason other than: a UCAS application, a direct application, "clearing", "adjustment".*

*I anticipate that the best way to provide this information is to have a spread-sheet divided up into the individual courses (which must have their course code next to them).*



### **Our response**

With regard to your request for information about the above I can confirm that the University of the Highlands and Islands (UHI) has considered your request

#### **Question 1:**

Other than the usual UCAS deadlines for application, institution decision and applicant response, UHI does not have/hold standard deadlines for consideration by course. Each application for admission to a UHI programme is considered carefully on its own merits, taking into account the educational, professional and personal experience and aspirations of the applicant.

Therefore the attached Excel file contains a spread-sheet covering all the aspects from Q1 for UCAS applicants, for direct applicants and for total applications, these sheets contain all the data we hold in response to the request.

#### **Question 2:**

The above spread-sheets also show the number of offers made on these applications, again this is the only data held regarding the different deadline dates requested

There is also a spread-sheet in response to 2h and 2i which show deferred applications

#### **Question 3:**

The total application spread-sheet also shows those with a firm acceptance, the unconditional offers with a firm acceptance and insurance offers.

With the way the data is held it is difficult to retrospectively determine original insurance offers once they change to UF or decline, so this has had to be estimated.

It also then shows the number of enrolments from firm offers and overall from all offers made. UHI do get applicants who decide very late in the process and may not have shown as firm on our system.

#### Question 4

Question 4 spread-sheet shows clearing stats, UHI had no applicants through adjustment or in any other way

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If you are not satisfied with our response or our reasoning set-out above, you have **forty** working days from 31 January 2012 in which to request a review of our decision. Any request should be put in writing and should be sent to Isla Cruden, FOI Co-ordinator, at the address detailed at the bottom of this email. Your request should:

- (a) describe the nature of your original request; and
- (b) explain the reasons why you are not satisfied with our response.

If you remain dissatisfied with how your request for information has been dealt with, you also have the right to apply to the Scottish Information Commissioner for a decision as to whether we have handled your request properly.

Information relating to your right to seek review is available from the Scottish Information Commissioner's web page at:

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## **Contact us**

Finally, should you wish to discuss the contents of this letter, please contact me.

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