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Dear Mr Hopkins

Freedom of Information Act 2000 (“FOIA”) request

I refer to your recent request for information, received 18 September 2017 and made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (the Act).

Under the Act, public authorities have two duties to individuals requesting information: firstly, to confirm whether or not they hold the information requested, and secondly to provide a copy of that information unless one or more of the exemptions under the Act apply.

I can confirm that we do hold some information relating to your request.

Your request

AQA have informed me that they followed the "comparable outcomes" system to decide on the grade boundaries to be used for AQA GCE Chemistry 2420 (old spec) 2017.

This process involved statistical evidence and judgemental evidence from senior examiners, and was ratified by yourselves.

*Please provide *all* reports/documents put forward by AQA to this regard, including, but not limited to:*

*The statistical evidence considered and how it was derived
Judgemental evidence from senior examiners
Details about how this particular cohort differs from others
Internal notes on concerns raised over assumptions made*

Our response

I have included the data provided by AQA in relation to the grade boundaries for the legacy specification AQA GCE Chemistry 2420 2017. Ofqual has published information in relation to the data exchange requirements for this summer,

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/data-exchange-procedures-for-a-level-gcse-level-1-and-2-certificates>, which you may find useful.

Internal Review

If you are unhappy with the way in which your request has been handled you have the right to request an internal review. You can request an internal review by contacting:-

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If you are dissatisfied with the outcome of the internal review, you can apply to the Information Commissioner. Complaints to the Information Commissioner should be sent to:-

FOI/EIR Complaints Resolution
Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
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Yours sincerely

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