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Dear Yihan,

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 17 August 2020 and have treated it as a request for information made under section 1(1) of the Act.

You requested the following information:

I would like to request for information regarding BDS Dentistry admissions (A202 and A205) for international applicants.

Please could you provide me with an excel sheet containing all of the following information for the past 3 BDS Dentistry admission cycles: 2017/2018, 2018/2019 and 2019/2020 (if available). If you do not have information for the years requested, I kindly ask for you to provide the statistics for the next most recent 3 years of admissions.

- * UCAT/UKCAT score cut-off for A202 and A205 international applicants*
- * Mean UCAT/UKCAT for offer holders for A202 and A205 international applicants*
- * Number of international applicants for A202 and A205 separately*
- * Number Interviewed for A202 and A205 international applicants separately*
- * Number of offers made for A202 and A205 international applicants separately*

Our response

Please find attached excel document. Please note that it is not including withdrawn applications. Application cycles 2016/17, 2017/18, 2018/19. UCAT data is included for those applications where we have the data in our central records system.

Where the total 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)".

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](http://www.kcl.ac.uk/college/policyzone/assets/files/governance_and_legal/Freedom_of Information Policy updated Oct %202011.pdf)

In the event that 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
Wilmslow
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Yours sincerely

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