

Freedom of Information Request to Teesside University

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Request received: 20/11/2021
Response sent: 03/12/2021

Dear requestor

Further to its recent acknowledgement, the University is now in a position to provide you with a response to your request for information.

We have dealt with your request in accordance with your “right to know” under section 1(1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (subsequently referred to as FOIA 2000) which entitles you to be provided with information “held” by a public authority, unless an appropriate exemption applies.

We can confirm that Teesside University holds some information relevant to your request and have responded to your request below.

Request

1. Shortlisting criteria for the doctorate in clinical psychology (DClinPsy)

Response

Specific criteria is exempt from disclosure by virtue of s.43 (2) FOIA2000 which exempts disclosure of any information which is likely to prejudice commercial interests. The commercial interest prejudiced by disclosure of this information is the University’s ability to fairly and successfully compete in the recruitment and admission of students, which is the central business activity upon which its existence is dependent. The recruitment of students is a highly competitive market and the disclosure of unpublished admissions criteria could be considered market sensitive information that is likely to be useful to our competitors.

It is recognised that there is a general public interest in transparency however; this is outweighed by the public interest in ensuring that the University is able to compete fairly in the key commercial activity of student recruitment.

2. Details of the last application cycle for the same course: The number of applicants at each stage (application, shortlisting, interview, offer) broken down by demographics (county/location, age, gender, disability status).

Response

See response to Q1.

Information about the University's process in relation to Appeals and Complaints can be found [here](#).

Kind regards
Information Governance Team