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Dear Kamran,

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 some of the requested information is not held by the university.

Your request

We received your information request on 10 May 2021 and have treated it as a request for information made under section 1(1) of the Act.

You requested the following information:

- 1) For your students who graduated in 2020, have they had an in-person graduation yet?*
- 2) If no to question 1., are there plans to have an in-person graduation, when restrictions have been lifted? If so, will they be the same as previous cohorts (2019, 2018, etc.) and when are they currently planned for?*
- 3) For your students who are due to graduate in 2021, will they have an in-person graduation? If no, what are your plans for these students?*

Our response

1)

The January 2020 cohort held graduation ceremonies as usual before the pandemic. The July 2020 cohort has not had an in-person ceremony, due to ongoing restrictions.

2)

There are plans to have in person ceremonies once restrictions are lifted. King's is currently considering bookings for 2022. We are looking at dates in January and July 2022 to run ceremonies for the 2022 cohorts as usual; we are also looking for additional dates in Spring and September 2022 to run ceremonies for the 2020 and 2021 cohorts, for whom we have not yet been able to hold in-person ceremonies due to the pandemic. The

ceremonies should look very similar to those for pre-pandemic cohorts. There may need to be social distancing measures in place and some aspects of the ceremony may need to be adapted or removed to ensure it is a safe event for all. We are exploring our options and following the guidance we receive from the government.

3)

As mentioned above we plan to offer the 2021 cohorts an in-person ceremony in 2022, and for the upcoming July 2021 cohort our team are organising virtual celebration events to celebrate their achievements online, as an interim measure.

The completes the university's response.

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
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Yours sincerely

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