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Dear Liz Bailey,

Freedom of Information Request Ref: F22_378

Thank you for your request for information from the University of York. Further to our previous response to your requests 1-4 on 7 November 2022, please see our response to request 5 below.

Please note in relation to all questions which ask for a count of students or staff, that under section 40 (2) of the Freedom of Information Act, 2000 (FoIA), the University declines to release data in its raw form in instances where that data could allow for individuals to be identified. Where this is the case, we have adopted the <u>Higher Education Statistics Agency (HESA) rounding methodology</u> for protecting personal data from unauthorised exposure.

In particular, we have applied the following rules to the data provided:

- All numbers are rounded to the nearest multiple of 5 (e.g. 42 rounded to 40, 43 rounded to 45)
- Any number lower than 2.5 is rounded to 0
- Halves are always rounded upwards (e.g. 2.5 is rounded to 5)
- The above requirements apply to headcounts, FPE and FTE data

As personal data, disclosure of this information into the public domain would mean compromising individuals' personal data and the University breaching its obligations under the UK General Data Protection Regulation (UK GDPR) and Data Protection Act, 2018. Consequently, the exemption for personal data under section 40 (2) of the FoIA (by virtue of section 40 (3)) has been applied. This states that personal data (as defined by section 5(1)(a) of the UK GDPR are exempt from disclosure where disclosure to the public would contravene one or more of the data protection principles.

Under the Freedom Information Act, please could I request data relating to both 2020 and 2021 application cycles to Medicine (A100) please?

5) Could a breakdown of Countries represented throughout international applications be shared please?

Can you confirm the Country location of your international applicants please? For example, France, USA, Canada, just to give an indication on how many different countries are interested in applying for your international places.

Information held. Please find the information you requested in the attached spreadsheet.

In accordance with the provisions of section 17(4) of the FoIA, this letter acts as a Refusal Notice in respect of the information withheld under section 40(2) above.

If you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request, <u>you have the right to ask for an internal review</u>. Your internal review request should be submitted in writing by 20 January 2022 to <u>foi@york.ac.uk</u>, detailing your grounds for appeal/complaint.

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision.

I hope this information is useful.

Yours sincerely,

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