

Information Assurance and Governance
Office of the Principal

5 December 2021

Dear Dr Marshall,

Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002
Our Ref: 436-21(a)

I refer to your enquiry dated 7 November 2021 asking to be supplied with information under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 as detailed in response below.

You have asked to be supplied with statistics on applicants who applied to study the A100 Medicine degree programme here at the University of St Andrew's for entry in academic years 2018/19, 2019/20, 2020/21 and 2021/22. Data to be split by:

- International undergraduate applicants;
- International graduate applicants,
- Home undergraduate applicants,
- Home graduate applicants.

The University does not distinguish between undergraduate and graduate applications for the A100 programme.

a) For each of the above 4 groups, and per programme, the following information is requested:

- Number of applicants (total)
- Number of applicants (with contextual data/factors)
- Number of applicants interviewed
- Number of offers

Table 1 in Appendix A provides the number of applications, applications from Access backgrounds, Interviews and offers for entry in academic years 2018/19 to 2021/22.

- Number of places

Funded and clinical places are regulated and controlled externally to the University and are available from the Scottish Funding Council website - www.sfc.ac.uk/funding/funding.aspx.

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Scottish Government, through the Scottish Funding Council provide all Scottish Medical Schools with target numbers for both Home and RUK applicants each year. These are published by the SFC on a yearly basis. Penalties apply if institutions do not keep within these number controls.

There are up to 20 places available on the A990 programme.

There are approximately 30 places for overseas applicants on the A100 but approximately 10-15 of those are filled by students on the International Foundation for Medicine course at St Andrews leaving about 15 places for other overseas applicants.

- Number of deferrals

The University does not hold information on the number of deferrals.

b) For students who received an interview (no contextual data/factors), the:

- Lowest and Highest UCAT score
- Interquartile range of UCAT scores
- Mean UCAT score (ideally with standard deviation and variance)
- Median UCAT score
- Mode UCAT score

Table 2 in Appendix A provides the information requested.

c) For students who received an interview (with contextual data/factors), the:

- Lowest and Highest UCAT score
- Interquartile range of UCAT scores
- Mean UCAT score (ideally with standard deviation and variance)
- Median UCAT score
- Mode UCAT score

Table 2 in Appendix A provides the information requested.

d) For students who received an offer (no contextual data/factors), the:

- Lowest and Highest UCAT score
- Interquartile range of UCAT scores
- Mean UCAT score (ideally with standard deviation and variance)
- Median UCAT score
- Mode UCAT score

Table 2 in Appendix A provides the information requested.

e) For students who received an offer (with contextual data/factors), the:

- Lowest and Highest UCAT score
- Interquartile range of UCAT scores
- Mean UCAT score (ideally with standard deviation and variance)
- Median UCAT score
- Mode UCAT score

Table 2 in Appendix A provides the information requested.

- f) Lowest SJT band to receive an interview (no contextual factors)
 Lowest SJT band to receive an interview (contextual factors)

| Year of entry | Lowest SJT Band brought to interview | Fee status | Contextual/ Non-contextual |
|---------------|--------------------------------------|------------------|-------------------------------|
| 2018 | Band 4 | All fee statuses | Contextual and non-contextual |
| 2019 | Band 4 | All fee statuses | Contextual and non-contextual |
| 2020 | Band 4 | RUK | Non-contextual |
| | Band 3 | RUK | Contextual |
| | Band 4 | All Home | Contextual and non-contextual |
| | Band 4 | All Overseas | Not applicable |
| 2021 | Band 4 | All Home and RUK | Contextual and non-Contextual |
| | Band 3 | Overseas | Not applicable |

Information not held

Section 17 of the FOISA requires that a Scottish public authority confirms in writing where information requested of it is not held. For the reasons outlined above the following information is not held and notice is therefore given to this effect:

- Applications categorised by undergraduate and graduate applicants; and
- Number of deferrals.

Your right to seek a review of how your information request was managed

If you are not satisfied with the University's response and/or our reasoning set-out above, you have the right to request a review of our decision. The timelines in which this right is available are set out in section 20(5)(a) and (b) FOISA. In broad terms the right to seek a review must be exercised within 40 working days of receiving this response.

The Information Assurance and Governance team are currently working remotely due to the Coronavirus pandemic. Any request for review at this time should be sent by email to foi@st-andrews.ac.uk stating:

- a) your name and address;
- b) details of your original request; and
- c) the reasons why you are dissatisfied with our response.

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If you remain dissatisfied with how your request for information has been dealt with following Review, you also have the right to apply to the Scottish Information Commissioner (SIC) for a decision. In the event of an appeal to the SIC, the Commissioner will generally only be able to investigate the matters raised in the request for review.

Details on how to make an appeal online to the SIC can be found on their website: <http://www.itspublicknowledge.info/YourRights/Unhappywiththeresponse/AppealingtoCommissioner.aspx> .

This concludes the University's response.

Yours sincerely

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