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Dear Qusay,

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 23rd April 2020 and have treated it as a request for information made under section 1(1) of the Act.

You requested the following information:

As per the Freedom of information, please could you provide the following information regarding the A100 Medicine MBBS 5 year course for years from 2010 to 2020 cycles :

(A):_

The applicants from the King's International Foundation Program for Biology & Chemistry.

- 1_ How many of them applied to Medicine A100 ?*
- 2_ How many of them interviewed ?*
- 3_ How many of them received offers?*
- 4_ What were their average in foundation?*
- 5_ What were their average UCAT scores?*
- 6_ Did they have other qualifications in addition to King's foundation?*
- 7_ Were students from King's International Foundation actually admitted to other UK medical schools? If so,*

How many of them applied to other uk medical schools and how many of them interviewed and received offers in those uk medical schools? (If applicable..)

8_ Can a King's foundation student take A levels or any other uk qualification as a private candidate alongside with foundation ?

(B):_

Were there any international foundation applicants from another UK university(s) to King's Medical School? If so,

1_ From which university(s) they were?

2_ How many of them applied to Medicine A100, interviewed and received offers? 3_ What were their average of International foundation? 4_ What were their average UCAT scores? 5_ Did they have other qualifications in addition to their foundation ?

(C):_

Is King's medical school give the priority for the applicants who have A levels and other uk qualifications or for King's foundation applicants or looking at all applicants both regardless of whether qualification is A levels or foundation ?

Our response

The university does hold the information however, after carefully reviewing your request have determined that the cost of complying would exceed the appropriate limit set out in [The Freedom of Information and Data Protection \(Appropriate Limit and Fees\) Regulations 2004](#) and we are therefore refusing to comply with your information request under section 12(1) of the Act.

The appropriate limit for Higher Education Institutions, such as King's College London, is currently set at £450 which represents the cost of one person spending more than 18 hours identifying, locating, retrieving and extracting information falling within the scope of your request. We have estimated that it would take at least 30 hours for us to locate and collate the information requested. This is because we would need to identify all applicants with an international foundation degree manually and verify the qualification. Once identified, we estimate it would take 5 minutes per application. There are over 360 applicants to review and therefore it would exceed the current limit.

The university may be able to disclose some of the requested information if you are prepared to narrow the scope of your request. However, we cannot confirm at this stage if this would bring your request under the appropriate limit, or that another exemption will not apply.

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_20202011.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
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Cheshire
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Yours sincerely

Katie Poole

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