

Sera Yu
By email

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Dear Sera Yu,

Your request was received on 8 September 2021 and I am dealing with it under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 ('the Act').

You asked:

I am writing to request data for the following questions:

1. For international students applying for undergraduate medicine A100 for the previous 4 admission cycles:

i) Total number of applications

ii) Total number of interviews

iii) Total number of offers

iv) Lowest and highest BMAT score for offer holders as well as those receiving interview offers

v) Are there any contextual criteria for international students? If so, what are they?

vi) BMAT cutoff or threshold if available.

vii) their countries

2. Are international applicants from different regions considered in the same application pool or different application pool? If so, could you clarify the pools?

1. This information is attached insofar as it is held. We do not hold answers to (ii) or part of (iv) (all interview processes for entry to undergraduate degree courses at the University are set and managed locally by each of the individual Colleges, each of which is a separate legal entity and public authority under the Act), (v) (there are none) or (vi) (there is no cut off/threshold score). In addition, the data for (vii) has been aggregated across two-year periods to prevent the risk of any individual being identified. In presenting the information in this way, the University is engaging the exemption at section 40(3A)(a) of the Act because the release of the raw data would breach the first data protection principle (the fair, lawful and transparent processing of personal data) as set out in the UK General Data Protection Regulation. This part of section 40 confers absolute exemption under the Act. Please note that the

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2. Due to the limited number of overseas places available for Medicine, overseas applicants are considered separately from non-overseas but the overseas candidates are considered as a gathered field with no distinction between regions.

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Yours sincerely,

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