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| Reply to request for information under the Freedom of Information Act | |
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| Your ref | Email of 14 January 2021 |
| Request | I would be really grateful if you could provide the following data for Medicine (A100) admissions 2021 at the University of Oxford: 1. Number of international applicants interviewed for 2021 2. Number of offers made for 2021 (international) 3. BMAT score of the international applicants who were interviewed and if they were accepted or not 4. Interview scores for the 2 (or more) interviews (for international applicants) individually and if they were accepted or not 5. Nationality of the accepted international applicants 6. BMAT and interview scores for applicants who were interviewed at St. John's College and if they were accepted or not 7. BMAT and the interview scores for applicants who were interviewed at St. Anne's College and if they were accepted or not |

Dear Anannda Mittal,

I write in reply to your email of Thursday 14 January, requesting the above information.

Item 1

There were 431 international applicants to Medicine who were shortlisted for interview.

Item 2

157 of those international applicants were given an offer.

Item 4

The medical school does not score interviews.

Item 3, 5 & 6

Please find the requested information in the attached workbook.

Notes about the data

- Applicants may change course during the application process. The course shown here reflects the most recent course on record.
- Applications & Shortlisted are shown for the college initially applied to (or allocated to in the case of open applications).



- Offers are shown for the college making an offer. This can be different to the college initially applied to (or allocated to) as candidates can be reallocated to other colleges to ensure that the best applicants stand the best chance of gaining an offer.
- Further details can be found here: https://www.ox.ac.uk/admissions/undergraduate/colleges/do-you-choose-a-college?wssl=1

Item 7

To reduce the risk of identification, we will not release this data due to the low number of students involved.

In taking these measures, we are applying the exemption in section 40(2) of the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA). Section 40(2) provides an exemption from disclosure for information that is the personal data of an individual other than the requester, where disclosure would breach any of the data protection principles in Article 5 of the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR). We consider that disclosure of the information requested in the exact form requested would breach the first data protection principle, which requires that personal data is processed lawfully, fairly and in a transparent manner. Disclosure would be unfair to the individuals concerned, as it would be contrary to their reasonable and legitimate expectations. They would not reasonably expect that information relating to their application to Oxford would be made public under the FOIA without their consent.

For the disclosure of personal data to be lawful, it must have a lawful basis under Article 6 of the GDPR. There are six possible lawful bases in Article 6; we do not consider that any of them would be satisfied in respect of the disclosure.

The exemption in section 40(2) is an absolute exemption and is not subject to the public interest test provided for in section 2(2)(b) of the FOIA. To the extent that the public interest is relevant in this case, the University considers it is satisfied by the information provided.

INTERNAL REVIEW

You may request an internal review of this response by e-mailing <u>foi@admin.ox.ac.uk.</u> A request for internal review should be submitted no later than 40 working days from the date of this letter.

THE INFORMATION COMMISSIONER

If, after the internal review, you are still dissatisfied, you have the right under FOIA to apply to the Information Commissioner for a decision as to whether your request has been dealt with in accordance with the FOIA. You can do this online using the <u>Information Commissioner's complaints portal</u>.

Yours sincerely

Information Compliance Team