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Dear Hasina,

### 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 28 October 2019 and have treated it as a request for information made under section 1(1) of the Act.

You requested the following information:

*Under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act (2000), I kindly request for information regarding the A100 Medicine MBBS course for 2016/2017, 2017/2018 and 2018/2019 admission cycles.*

- 1) What was the lowest GCSE grade combination of students who received interviews and then were made offers?*
- 2) What were the individual GCSE grades of applicants who were made offers?*
- 3) How many students applied with valid extenuating circumstances, and of those, how many were made offers?*
- 4) What is the weighting of GCSE grades in the selection process?*
- 5) What was the average UCAT score of applicants who received interviews and were made offers?*

## Our response

- 1) The Excel file attached can be used to work out this question.
- 2) Please see the file attached.
- 3) Please see below table and refer to caveats below.

Year	Submitted MCs <b>(not necessarily valid)</b>	MCs which were used taken into account for an offer
2018	79	3
2019	44	7

- 4) For A100, (of those that meet the entry requirements) applications received are ranked according to their UKCAT score (average score and SJT band) compared to other applicants, with improvement given for GCSE results (number of A\*s) and School performance as well as an improvement on ranking if considered a Widening Participation applicant. Generally, UKCAT score accounts for 50% of the ranking, GCSE Individual and School performance 40% and other widening participation factors 10%.
- 5) Please see tables:

	Average UCAT	
	Interview	Offer
2017	2119	2121
2018	2835	2834
2019	2802	2802

	Median UCAT	
	Interview	Offer
2017	2110	2110
2018	2820	2820
2019	2780	2780

### Caveats

- 2016/2017, 2017/2018 and 2018/2019 admissions cycles has been interpreted as the 2017, 2018 and 2019 UCAS cycle. i.e. for 2019, this includes applications submitted in Sept/Oct 2019 for 2019 or 2020 entry.
- IGCSEs were not included in the GCSE data attached.
- Data for GCSEs is fed through from UCAS and is sometimes not in a standard format. Where grades could not be classified into letter or number grades, "Unknown" is listed.
- Mitigating circumstances data is held only for 2018 and 2019 cycles.
- Admissions were unsure what 'valid' necessarily refers to for mitigating circumstances. So, for question 3's answer they have included applications where MCs were submitted (but not necessarily an accepted or valid one) and where it was clear these mitigating circumstances were used in conjunction with an offer.
- 2017 UCAT had an unmarked section, hence the lower scores

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\\_%202011.pdf](http://www.kcl.ac.uk/college/policyzone/assets/files/governance_and_legal/Freedom_of_Information_Policy_updated_Oct_%202011.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:

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Yours sincerely

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