



Ref. FOI/20190921/5

21 October 2019

Reply to request for information under Freedom of Information of Act	
Your Ref	Your email of 21 September 2019
Address	WhatDoTheyKnow.com
Request	See Annex.

Dear Ms Haynen,

I write in reply to your email of 21 September 2019 requesting the information reproduced in the annex to this letter.

Please find the information for 2015-2018 on our website [here](#) and [here](#).

We are withholding the equivalent information for 2019 under section 22 of the FOIA. Section 22 provides that information is exempt from disclosure where there is an intention on the part of the public authority or another body to publish it at a future date, and where it is reasonable in all the circumstances to maintain the publication schedule.

The information requested will be published on the University website in the first half of 2020. In our view, this is not an excessive delay, and we would consider it to be reasonable therefore to withhold the information until its publication.

The exemption in section 22 is a qualified exemption that would require the University to weigh the public interest in disclosing the information requested, which is presumed from FOIA, against the public interest in maintaining the exemption.

We recognise that there is a public interest in the disclosure of information relating to undergraduate admissions. Immediate disclosure of the information would contribute to that interest. However, the question to be decided is whether the public interest will be better served by disclosing the information now, or later, in accordance with the publication schedule. Our view is that the public interest would be better served by adhering to the publication schedule. Disclosing the information prematurely, and in isolation from other information relating to the 2019 cycle that would be published at the same time, would undermine the purpose of the University's publication scheme. This scheme provides for the publication of a wide range of information relating to each admissions cycle, which presents a more complete and accurate picture than the piecemeal disclosure of separate items of admissions data.



INTERNAL REVIEW

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THE INFORMATION COMMISSIONER

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Information Commissioner
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
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Yours sincerely,

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ANNEX

I am requesting the following data in relation to your M100 law course:

The total number of individuals who applied to the M100 course for entry in 2015; The total number of offers given to individuals who applied; The total number of individuals who entered your university as their firm choice on UCAS (i.e. the number of individuals who 'accepted' their offer); The total number of individuals who enrolled in this course in 2015.

The total number of individuals who applied to the M100 course for entry in 2016; The total number of offers given to individuals who applied; The total number of individuals who entered your university as their firm choice on UCAS (i.e. the number of individuals who 'accepted' their offer); The total number of individuals who enrolled in this course in 2016.

The total number of individuals who applied to the M100 course for entry in 2017; The total number of offers given to individuals who applied; The total number of individuals who entered your university as their firm choice on UCAS (i.e. the number of individuals who 'accepted' their offer); The total number of individuals who enrolled in this course in 2017.

The total number of individuals who applied to the M100 course for entry in 2018; The total number of offers given to individuals who applied; The total number of individuals who entered your university as their firm choice on UCAS (i.e. the number of individuals who 'accepted' their offer); The total number of individuals who enrolled in this course in 2018.

The total number of individuals who applied to the M100 course for entry in 2019; The total number of offers given to individuals who applied; The total number of individuals who entered your university as their firm choice on UCAS (i.e. the number of individuals who 'accepted' their offer); The total number of individuals who enrolled in this course in 2019.