



Ref. FOI/20201002/7

30 October 2020

Reply to request for information under the Freedom of Information Act	
Your ref	Email of 2 October 2020
Request	<p>I would immensely appreciate if the following information could be released regarding PPE admissions by college for the 2019 and 2018 UCAS cycles. (A similar request was made by Ed Williams and approved by Oxford for the 2020 cycle.)</p> <p>For each college/PPH:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. The number of applications2. The number of applicants interviewed3. The number of offers made4. The number of overseas applications5. The number of overseas applicants interviewed6. The number of overseas offers made7. The number of deferred-entry applications8. The number of deferred-entry applicants interviewed9. The number of deferred-entry offers made10. Average TSA score (Section 1/ section 2).

Dear Fizza Raza,

I write in reply to your email of Friday 2 October, requesting the above information.

Please find the requested information in the attached workbook.

Your request is for detailed individual level data. We consider that disclosure of this information in the form requested might enable those with access to other information or knowledge to identify individuals and learn new information about those individuals. For this reason, we have withheld offers and shortlisting data where it refers to fewer than 3 individuals, including zero, except where there were no applicants as part of a particular category.

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 foi@admin.ox.ac.uk. 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 [Information Commissioner's complaints portal](#).

Yours sincerely

Information Compliance Team