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Our ref: FOI 2019/121

Dear Ms Thomson

**Request for Information under Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002**

Thank you for your email which was received by the University on 08 May 2019 and clarification of 14 May 2019, requesting the following information:

**How many students were admitted to your institution to begin studying an undergraduate degree in each of the last 6 academic years?**

**How many Scottish domiciled students were admitted to your institution to study an undergraduate degree in each of the last six academic years? I would like this information broken down by degree programme.**

**How many Scottish domiciled students from 'Scotland's most deprived backgrounds' as defined by the Scottish Government's widening access policy were admitted to your institution to study an undergraduate degree in each of the last 6 academic years? I would like this information broken down by degree programme.**

**University's response**

Please note the following:

- The University only holds comparable information for the last 5 years. Accordingly, I have to advise you under section 17(1)(b) of the Act, that the University does not hold all the information requested on this subject and is not aware of any other public authority which may hold relevant information.

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- In the University's response where there are fewer than five, the exact figure has been replaced with '<5' to prevent the identification of individuals. This is due to the exemption in Section 38(1)(b) of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 (FOISA) relating to personal information. Section 38(1)(b) (read with 38(1)(2A)) of FOISA exempts from disclosure information which constitutes personal data if in addition the disclosure would contravene any of the data protection principles in the General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR). In this case, the exemption contained in section 38(1)(b) is absolute, therefore there is no need to consider where the balance of the public interest lies in relation to the disclosure of this information
- Scotland's most deprived backgrounds has been interpreted as those in SIMD 0-20.
- Numbers are based on student headcount and the University of Strathclyde Standard Population.
- The standard population is derived from the Student Record System, from all registered student instances active at the University at any time in the reporting period 1 August to 31 July, following programmes that lead to the award of a qualification or institutional credit. Students who leave within two weeks of their instance start date, or anniversary thereof, (and are on a programme of more than two weeks duration), are excluded from the standard population. Also excluded from this population are:
  - Dormant students (those who have ceased studying but have not formally de-registered);
  - students on sabbatical;
  - lifelong learning students;
  - visiting exchange students;
  - writing-up students.
- Domicile on entry has been used to identify Scottish students

**How many students were admitted to your institution to begin studying an undergraduate degree in each of the last 6 academic years?**

<b>Entry year</b>	<b>Headcount</b>
2014/15	3946
2015/16	4135
2016/17	3895
2017/18	3962
2018/19	4038

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Please see Appendix B.

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The University will then undertake an internal review and inform you of the result of that review.

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Yours sincerely,

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