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Our Ref : F/417  
Your Ref :

Dear Ms Leslie

## Request for Information

I refer to your recent request for information received by Ofqual on 18 March 2015 made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (the Act). You requested the following information:-

*Please would you let me have the statistical information regarding the number and type of granted access arrangements for GCSE/GCE exams, with comparisons between the state sector and the independent sector, for the academic years 2012/13 and 2013/14.*

Under the Act, public authorities have two duties to individuals requiring information: firstly to confirm whether or not they hold the information requested, and secondly to provide a copy of that information unless one of the exemptions under the Act applies.

I confirm that on this occasion some information of the type you have requested is held by Ofqual. Our report on access arrangements for GCSE and A Level for the 2013/14 academic year is published online at [https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/383042/2014-11-06-access-arrangements-for-gcse-and-a-level-2013-14.pdf](https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/383042/2014-11-06-access-arrangements-for-gcse-and-a-level-2013-14.pdf). Table 1 (The number of candidates making requests for access arrangements and the number approved) covers the period 2009/10 to 2013/14. Ofqual does not hold data on the type of schools making access requests.

Because the information requested is already reasonably available to you in the public domain it is exempt from disclosure under Section 21 of the Act.

If you are unhappy with the way in which your request has been handled you have the right to request an internal review. You can request an internal review by contacting:-

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If you are dissatisfied with the outcome of the internal review, you can apply to the Information Commissioner. Complaints to the Information Commissioner should be sent to:-

FOI/EIR Complaints Resolution  
Information Commissioner's Office  
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Yours sincerely



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