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Dear Sir,

We write to respond to your recent Freedom of Information request.

**Enquiry 16 January 2018**

I would like to request for statistics on the transfer to medicine scheme offered by St George's. From my research, students studying biomedical sciences at George's (BSc) get to transfer into medicine after they finish their 3rd year.

I would like to request the eligibility criteria, along with the number of students eligible, number of students who applied, number of students who got interviews, and number of students who were made the offer in the past 5 years.

**Response**

You are correct that students may apply to transfer to medicine after the third year of Biomedical Science (BSc) at St George's.

The Eligibility Criteria for all our courses is already published (s21) and for your information located here on the St George's website:

<https://www.sgul.ac.uk/study/undergraduate/undergraduate-courses/biomedical-science-bsc-hons/entry-requirements>

<https://www.sgul.ac.uk/study/undergraduate/undergraduate-courses/medicine-mbbs/entry-criteria>

We should advise you that the data you have asked for in the remaining part of your request is not held (Section1).

Upon researching the request it has become apparent that the data held in our Student Information System is not entirely accurate. The system is currently reporting application rates which we know to be inaccurate.

We have interrogated our student information system and the related spreadsheets, and decided that the student data itself is accurate but the applications data is less than accurate at the present time, and it would not be appropriate to disclose this.

For your information, we notice that a similar request for data was received last year on Biomedical transfers, and at that time we advised that there were 27 applications, 24 were offered places in 2017/8 and 3 were offered places in 2018/9. We hope this might be of assistance to you.

We do apologise for the delay with this response. We will be going back to the data we are holding in order to ensure it is fit for future disclosure. Thank you for your forbearance in this matter.

Whilst writing may I advise that if you are not happy with the way in which we have handled your request, you can appeal by writing to the Chief Operating Officer of the institution:

Paul Ratcliffe  
Chief Operating Officer  
St George's University of London  
Cranmer Terrace  
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The Information Commissioner has authority and responsibility under the Freedom of Information Act and you can contact the Information Commissioner's Office by email at (data@dataprotection.gov.uk), or at the following address:

Information Commissioner's Office  
Wycliffe House  
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For more information see the Information Commissioner's Office – Freedom of Information website:  
[http://www.ico.org.uk/what\\_we\\_cover/freedom\\_of\\_information.aspx](http://www.ico.org.uk/what_we_cover/freedom_of_information.aspx)

May I ask you to direct future FOI requests for SGUL to myself electronically at [sdurkin@sgul.ac.uk](mailto:sdurkin@sgul.ac.uk), or to the generic email address [FOI@sgul.ac.uk](mailto:FOI@sgul.ac.uk) for the sake of expediency.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any further queries.

Yours faithfully,

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