

4 December 2019

Ref: FOI19-497

Dear Requester,

Thank you for your email of November 14th requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. Please see the responses to each of your questions below:

**I am interested in the dates at which offers were given out for your undergraduate law courses (both the LLB and any Law with courses such as Law with Politics) during the previous UCAS admissions cycle (autumn 2018 - summer 2019).**

**I would therefore like to request a list of the dates on which undergraduate law offers were sent out in the previous admissions cycle, as well as the number of offers that were sent out on each of the dates.**

The information you have requested is considered to be commercially sensitive and is therefore exempt from disclosure under section 43 of the FOIA

Section 43 is a qualified exemption and so a public interest test has been carried out. In favour of disclosure we considered the principles of both transparency and accountability in the way a public authority performs its functions. Opposing this we considered the insight into the University's admissions strategy which the requested data would provide. In a highly competitive recruitment environment the public disclosure of details of the admissions strategy is likely to influence individuals interested in applying to the University of Exeter and to competitors. This is likely to impact on our ability to recruit students and on the workload of the admissions teams who process these applications. It is the view of the University that these factors outweigh the factors in favour of disclosing the information.

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