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Dear Mr KSB,

Request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 ("the Act")

Further to your recent request for information held by King's College London, I am writing to confirm that some the requested information is held by the university.

Your request

We received your information request on 20 March 2019 and have treated it as a request for information made under section 1(1) of the Act.

You requested the following information:

I would like to request the following information in relation to the following degree programmes: BSc Economics, BSc Accounting and Finance, BSc Business Management, BSc Economics and Management and BSc International Management.

1) Whether each of the above courses has participated in the UCAS Adjustment process during the following admissions cycles: 2017/2018, 2016/2017, 2015/2016.

1) - i) If so, how many people applied via Adjustment for a place in each course, and how many people obtained an offer via Adjustment for each course, in the past 3 admissions cycles.

2) Whether each of the above courses has participated in the KCL Superstar process during the following admissions cycles: 2017/2018, 2016/2017, 2015/2016.

2) - i) If so, how many people applied via the Superstar scheme for a place in each course, and how many people obtained an offer via Superstar scheme for each course, in the past 3 admissions cycles.

Our response

Accounting and finance is a new programme recruiting for the first time in 2019/20 so we have no data on that programme. BSc Economics only started recruiting in 2017/18 and

International Management started recruiting in 2016/17. As for all the other programmes listed, none of them were open in adjustment.

For all the years they have been open all were open to superstars and the number of superstar applications are as follows.

Applications	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18
BSc Business Management	≤5	≤5	≤5
BSc Economics			≤5
BSc Economics and Management	≤5	≤5	0
BSc International Management		0	≤5

And offer made to those superstar applicants.

Offers	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18
BSc Business Management	≤5	≤5	≤5
BSc Economics			≤5
BSc Economics and Management	≤5	≤5	0
BSc International Management		0	0

Where the total number of individuals is 5 or under, the university has replaced the figure with 'equal to or less than five' (≤5). The university considers that it is reasonably likely that students could be identified from the low numbers. Such identification would constitute a breach of one of the principles set out in the Data Protection Act 2018 (DPA). This approach is in accordance with the Information Commissioner's Office Code of Practice on Anonymisation. This information is therefore exempt from disclosure under section 40(2) of the Act. This is an absolute exemption which means that the university does not need to consider the public interest in disclosing the information, we only need to establish that the exemption has been engaged.

The methodology the university has adopted is a variation of the HESA standard rounding and suppression method. Numbers that are five or fewer are replaced with "≤5 (less than or equal to five)"; when needed to prevent potential identification all other numbers are

rounded to the nearest multiple of five (halves are rounded upwards).

Full details of the HESA methodology can be found on their website:
<https://www.hesa.ac.uk/about/regulation/data-protection/rounding-and-suppression-anonymise-statistics>

This completes the university's response to your information request.

Your right to complain

If you are unhappy with the service, you have received in relation to your information request or feel that it has not been properly handled you have the right to complain or request a review of our decision by contacting the Assistant Director of Business Assurance (Information Compliance) within 60 days of the date of this letter.

Further information about our internal complaints procedure is available at the link below:

http://www.kcl.ac.uk/college/policyzone/assets/files/governance_and_legal/Freedom_of_Information_Policy_updated_Oct_%202011.pdf

If you are not content with the outcome of your complaint you may apply to the Information Commissioner for a decision. Generally, the Information Commissioner cannot make a decision unless you have exhausted the internal complaints procedure provided by King's College London.

The Information Commissioner can be contacted at the following address:

The Information Commissioner's Office
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Yours sincerely

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