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Dear Ms Rashid

Further to your FOI request received on 28 August 2021 please find below the University's response in relation to your request.

#### The information requested:

**Please may you confirm in the last three years the number of applicants, the number of applicants invited to interview, the average ucat score, the lowest and highest ucat scores invited to interview and the lowest at score given an offer in an excel sheet if possible. Also do you look at situational judgement. Also, it is possible for low ucat to be compensated by high gcsees?**

The University is dealing with the impact of the ongoing Covid-19 crisis and the University's staffing resource has been prioritised to deal with the ongoing challenges. In addition the Marketing, Recruitment, Communications and Internationalisation Directorate has entered an extremely busy period working through Admission Confirmation and Clearing that runs into the start of the new teaching semester in September. The University has responded to part of your request in relation to UCAT score. Whilst the Directorate does not have the capacity to respond to your request in full you are welcome to submit a request for the outstanding information you require late September. Please note some general information has been provided in relation to question 1 and 2.

In Dentistry only home and EU applicants take UCAT

The selection process for entry to medicine is clearly set out in the University's policy statement: <https://www.qub.ac.uk/courses/undergraduate/pdf/howwechooseourstudents/Fileupload,868259,en.pdf>

Banding of UCAT Scores	Points
1200 – 1899	0
1900 – 2099	1
2100 – 2299	2
2300 – 2499	3
2500 – 2699	4
2700 – 2899	5
2900 – 3600	6

Candidates are awarded points for their UCAT based on the information above. This table was based on the normal distribution of UKCAT (which became the UCAT in 2020) for applicants applying to dentistry. More candidates score in band 3 or 4 than other bands. However, candidates can score across all the Bands and progress to interview (dependent on their total pre-interview score). The school does not change the mean, or have a specific cut off, for the UCAT each year. We simply allow candidates to add their GCSE scores (details are available on the University website as above) to their UCAT score to reach their pre-interview score. The University does not hold information on the

breakdown between GCSEs and UCAT to analyse minimum scores in UCAT, as the information is not used in this way.

If you are dissatisfied with the handling of part of your request, you have the right to ask for an internal review. Internal review requests should be submitted within two months of the date of receipt of the response to your original request and should be addressed to the Information Compliance Manager c/o [info.compliance@qub.ac.uk](mailto:info.compliance@qub.ac.uk). Please remember to quote the reference number FOI-21-301 in any future communications.

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF.

Yours sincerely

Information Compliance Unit