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Our Ref: 2022/301 - F1211216

Dear Huzefah Hanif,

Re: Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 – Request for Information

Thank you for your email which was received by the University on 28 July 2022 timed 13:10 hours and subsequent clarification received 15 August 2022 timed 22:03 hours.

Request received 28 July 2022:

- 1a) What proportion of your applicants to medical school are muslim?
- 1b) What proportion of them are from a low socioeconomic background? (Ie from an annual household income bracket below £24k)
2. What is the proportion of muslim students that get an offer for medicine from the university? (To clarify: number of muslim students who receive an offer for medicine / number of muslim students who apply to medicine)
3. What proportion of them take up the offer after receiving it?
4. What is the proportion of muslim students that get an interview for medicine from the university? (Ie. Medical interview offers given to Muslims / total Muslim medical applicants)
5. What is the average UCAT score for muslims applying to your university?
6. What proportion of your medical school interviewers are BAME?
7. How many prayer rooms do you have on campus?
8. Do you provide halal food options in any of your canteens?
9. Do you have a Muslim chaplain at your university?

Clarification requested 28 July 2022

For questions 1 to 6 of your request above, we would be grateful if you can advise the timeframe which is being requested (i.e. academic year/s)

Clarification received 15 August 2022:

The time period for questions 1 - 6 are the last five years i.e. 2017-2022

Further clarification requested 19 August 2022

Question 5 of your request above asks 'What is the average UCAT score of muslims applying to your university'? Can you please advise if this is the average UCAT score of muslims applying to any course at the University, or is it specifically for those muslims applying for entry to Medicine.

Further clarification received 27 August 2022

To clarify, I mean the average UCAT score for those applying to Medicine.

University's Response

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Response to questions 1 to 5:

The University does not hold the information to respond to **questions 1-5 above**. This information is not collected at any point in the admissions process by the School of Medicine. Therefore, the University of Glasgow does not hold the information that you have requested and is not aware of any other public authority that could respond to your request. Section 17

of FOISA states that where public authorities receive requests for information that they do not hold, they must issue a notice advising that they do not hold the requested information.

6. What proportion of your medical school interviewers are BAME?

The University's School of Medicine do not hold the information requested as to the make up of their admissions interviewers (e.g. BAME). Medical School interviewers are recruited as volunteers from the School of Medicine's academic/clinician staff.

7. How many prayer rooms do you have on campus?

At present there are four Prayer and Reflection rooms on the University's Gilmorehill campus. Other rooms, such as on the University's Garscube campus, are under review or development

For further information, please see the following URL's which you may find helpful:

[University of Glasgow - MyGlasgow - Chaplaincy - Places of worship](https://www.gla.ac.uk/explore/maps/)
<https://www.gla.ac.uk/explore/maps/>

8. Do you provide halal food options in any of your canteens?

The University has a Halal sandwich range, whilst meat purchased for and used in meals in our James McCune Smith Hub Kitchen outlet is also Halal.

9. Do you have a Muslim chaplain at your university?

The University Chaplaincy has a volunteer Muslim chaplain on the Chaplaincy team. For further information please see the following URL:

[University of Glasgow - MyGlasgow - Chaplaincy - Contact us](#)

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Yours sincerely,

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