



Information Assurance and Governance  
Office of the Principal

2 March 2020

Dear Mr/Ms Thomas,

**Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002**  
**Our Ref: 48-20**

I refer to your enquiry received on 3 February 2020 asking to be supplied with undergraduate admission statistics under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 ("the FOISA") as outlined below.

For the last three admission cycles in the School of Computer Science for the BSc (Hons) and integrated Masters, MSci (Hons), courses:

1. Number of Home applicants.
2. Number of offers made to Home applicants.
3. Number of Rest of UK applicants.
4. Number of offers made to Rest of UK applicants.
5. Number of EU applicants.
6. Number of offers made to EU applicants.
7. Number of international applicants.
8. Number of offers made to international applicants.

Please find attached Appendix A which provides the data requested. Where there was a small number of applications and offers for a specific degree title and the offer was accepted, the information requested is being presented in the form of less than 5. The University believes that to disclose the exact figure in these circumstances could result in the individuals concerned being identified revealing information of a personal nature where there is no expectation of this happening. This would contravene data protection principle 1(a) in Article 5(1) of the General Data Protection Regulation i.e. that personal data shall be processed lawfully, fairly and in a transparent manner.

Disclosure of information under the FOISA is release of information into the public domain and by extension, members of the University community. It is through this route that identification is most likely to occur when the data is taken in conjunction with other data that could potentially come into the possession of another.

This information is being withheld under section 38(1)(b), *Personal Information* of the FOISA. This is an absolute exemption on not subject to the public interest test.

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## Your right to seek a review of how your information request was managed

If you are not satisfied with the University's response and/or our reasoning set-out above, you have the right to request a review of our decision. The timelines in which this right is available are set out in section 20(5)(a) and (b) FOISA. In broad terms the right to seek a review must be exercised within 40 working days of receiving this response.

Any request for review should be put in writing or some other permanent form e.g. an e-mail and should be sent to the University of St Andrews, through the contact details provided below. A request for a Review should:

- a) state your name and address;
- b) describe the nature of your original request; and
- c) explain the reasons why you are dissatisfied with our response.

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If you remain dissatisfied with how your request for information has been dealt with following Review, you also have the right to apply to the Scottish Information Commissioner (SIC) for a decision. In the event of an appeal to the SIC, the Commissioner will generally only be able to investigate the matters raised in the request for review.

Details on how to make an appeal online to the SIC can be found on their website: <http://www.itspublicknowledge.info/YourRights/Unhappywiththeresponse/AppealingtoCommissioner.aspx>

Alternatively, you can contact the SIC by post, telephone or email at:

Scottish Information Commissioner  
Kinburn Castle  
Doubledykes Road  
St Andrews  
Fife KY16 9DS  
E-mail: [enquiries@itspublicknowledge.info](mailto:enquiries@itspublicknowledge.info)  
Website: [www.itspublicknowledge.info](http://www.itspublicknowledge.info)

This concludes the University's response.

Yours sincerely

**JUNE WEIR**  
Information Assurance and Governance Officer

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