

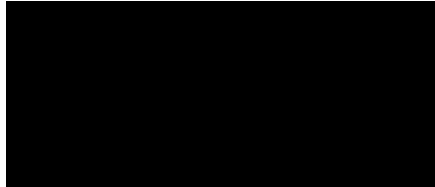


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Dear

Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Information request (ref: FOI_16-003)

We have now considered your request of 05 January 2016 for the information relating to the A100 MB/BS 2016 entry. Our response is on page 3 of this letter, together with a copy of your request, and we hope this will meet your requirements.

We regret that on this occasion it is not possible to provide all of the requested information; specifically the information requested in question 1 of your request.

In line with section 17 of the Act, this letter acts as a partial Refusal Notice. The Act contains a number of exemptions that allow public authorities to withhold certain information from release. We have applied the following exemption to your request.

| Exemption | Reason |
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| s.36(2)(c), Prejudice to the effective conduct of public affairs | Release of this information would, or would be likely to prejudice the University's ability to carry out its role |

We have received several requests for the interview mark scheme and/or the document used to assess the interview and on each occasion the University's Vice-Chancellor has considered these requests and has determined the information should be withheld from public release. Our position – and therefore our response – has not changed since our response to these earlier requests. A full explanation of why this exemption is engaged can be found in our responses to these earlier requests on our disclosure log¹.

See, for example, our response to a request in 2014 for "[any scoring or grading system used to assess interview performance and if a form or such is provided to interviewers to record performance...](#)"² and more recently, our response to a request

¹ <https://portal.uea.ac.uk/information-services/strategy-planning-and-compliance/regulations-and-policies/information-regulations-and-policies/freedom-of-information/disclosure-log/admissions/a100-med-admissions>

² https://portal.uea.ac.uk/documents/6207125/6884169/FOI_14-059.pdf/

this year for the “*...general structure of the Multiple Mini Interviews you conduct, including, if possible, any marking sheets used during the process*”.³

You have the right of appeal against this response. If you wish to appeal, please set out in writing your reasons for appealing and send to the above address. You must appeal within 60 calendar days of the date of this letter. Any appeal received after that date will not be considered nor acknowledged. This policy has been reviewed and approved by the Information Commissioner’s Office.

You also have a subsequent right of appeal to the Information Commissioner’s Office. Further information is available on their website:

https://ico.org.uk/Global/contact_us, or by telephone on 0303 123 1113.

Please quote our reference given at the head of this letter in all correspondence.

Yours sincerely

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³ https://portal.uea.ac.uk/documents/6207125/8237600/FOI_15-039.pdf/dfd8a876-4001-4f3c-b791-b66cbdf76867

Response to Freedom of Information Act 2000 request (FOI_16-003)

I would like to ask for information regarding to A100 MB/BS Medical Degree for 2016 entry.

- 1) *Would I be able to receive a mark scheme or a document used to assess the interview?*

[Exempted pursuant to s.36(2)(c), Freedom of Information Act 2000]

This information is exempted from release for the reasons noted in the above letter.

- 2) *How is the interview scored and is there a cut-off mark?*

In reference to how the interview is scored, please see the University's response to a previous request for information, namely, [FOI 13-138](#).⁴ We would refer you to questions 5 and 6 of that response. The scoring details have not altered since this information was released in November 2013.

We would refer you to the response to another prior request, [FOI 15-096](#),⁵ and in particular to the response to question 14 of that request in regards the minimum threshold scores for giving offers in each year. We can confirm that that the minimum threshold score for giving an offer was the same for the 2016 entry as for the two preceding years.

- 3) *Is getting an offer solely based on the interview or are other factors taken in such as the personal statement?*

In addition to the prior response noted above to FOI_13-138, we would refer you to the response to another prior request, FOI_13-037 [FOI 15-096](#),⁶ and in particular to the response to questions 10 and 14 of that request.

⁴ https://portal.uea.ac.uk/documents/6207125/6884169/FOI_13-138.pdf/

⁵ https://portal.uea.ac.uk/documents/6207125/8237600/FOI_15-096.pdf/9a5f0953-8528-4222-823b-2e7f87a3dca4

⁶ https://portal.uea.ac.uk/documents/6207125/8237600/FOI_15-096.pdf/9a5f0953-8528-4222-823b-2e7f87a3dca4