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Dear [REDACTED]

Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Information request (ref: FOI_16-099)

We have now considered your request of 17 April 2016 for information relating to applications to the University's A100 course. Our response is on pages 2-5 of this letter, together with a copy of your request, and in the accompanying PDF file 'Appendix A_Data file_FOI_16-099.pdf'. We hope our response will meet your requirements.

However it is not possible to provide all the requested information. In line with your rights under section 1(1)(a) of the Act to be informed whether information is held, we confirm that the University does not hold all of the requested information. We have indicated in our response below where information is not held.

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

Yours sincerely

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Response to Freedom of Information Act 2000 request (FOI_16-099)

I will like some information about the UK/EU students who applied to the Uni in the last 2 years for the A100 MBChB course (for applications received in 2014 for 2015 entry, and in 2015 for 2016 entry). I wish to receive the following details through email:

[Please note that school leavers are applicants who are completing their A-levels (or in gap year), and graduate applicants are those completing their undergraduate degree or in a higher degree.]

1. Year of course
2. No of places available each year
3. No of applications received each year, from school leavers and graduate applicants separately
4. No of interviews offered each year
5. No of offers made each year. For 2016 entry, please include offers sent out by 31 March 2016.
6. No of entrants to the course in 2015

The responses to the above questions are presented in the table below:

Question	Year of course	
	2015/16	2016/17
2. UK/EU places available	154	154
3a. UK/EU applications received - School Leavers	981	1010
3b. UK/EU applications received - Graduate Applicants	267	276
4. UK/EU interviews offered	539	618
5. UK/EU offers made	321	302
6. UK/EU entrants to the course	131	[Information not held - s.1(1)(a), FOIA]

The number of places available for UK/EU students is 154 per year. How this number is achieved is different in each year dependent on the number of foundation year students progressing into year 1 of the course and the number of intercalating students returning into year 1. UK/EU entrants above exclude foundation year transfers and intercalating students.

In order to provide the most reliable data held by the University, we have separated the school leavers and graduate applicants by age. Those who were under 21 at time of applications and those who were 20 and over (and therefore more likely to be graduates).

Finally, for obvious reasons, we do not hold any information regarding UK/EU entrants to the A100 course in September 2016.

7. A template for the academic performance scoring sheets used each year (e.g. scores given to A*, A, B and so on). If a numeric score was given to this, what was the minimum academic score for students who were invited to interview each year?

In regards any 'threshold score' required for interview, the requested information is presented within the attached document entitled 'Appendix A_Question 7 response_FOI_16-099.pdf'. The actual lowest score awarded to any applicant who was subsequently invited to interview is within the table below:

Score type	Year of entry	
	2015/16	2016/17
Academic score	14	14
UKCAT score	24	23

8. A template for the admission test (UKCAT) scoring sheets used each year. If a numeric score was given to this, what was the minimum score for students invited to interview?

[Information not held - s.1(1)(a), Freedom of Information Act]

We do not have a UKCAT scoring sheet, however within UEA data the UKCAT elements are given a score based on the following table:

Range		Value (Score)
Upper	Lower	
900	751	3
750	601	2
600	451	1
450	0	0

There is no minimum UKCAT score threshold to secure an interview. However, the actual lowest UKCAT element score of any applicant who was subsequently invited to interview is presented in the table below:

Year of entry	UKCAT element score
2015/16	0
2016/17	0

9. What was the weighting for academic performance and UKCAT scores when shortlisting for interviews? What was the minimum overall score for applicants who were invited to interview each year?

The response regarding weighting of academic performance and UKCAT scores is presented in the table below:

Score type	Year of entry	
	2015/16	2016/17
Academic score	67%	67%
UKCAT score	33%	33%

[Information not held - s.1(1)(a), Freedom of Information Act]

In relation to a minimum overall score for applicants invited to interview, there is, in fact, no minimum threshold that must be achieved. Each application cohort is assessed independently and combined scores ranked to generate an interviewee group. However, the actual lowest score of any applicant who was invited to interview is within the table following question 7 above.

10. Were the personal statements scored for inclusion in the shortlisting criteria? If so, may I have a template of this scoring sheet.

[Information not held - s.1(1)(a), Freedom of Information Act]

See our responses to previous similar requests for information:

https://portal.uea.ac.uk/documents/6207125/6884169/FOI_13-106.pdf/

https://portal.uea.ac.uk/documents/6207125/6884169/FOI_13-037.pdf/

11. How are the academic achievements of graduate student applications scored compared with the school leavers?

The requested information is presented within the attached document entitled 'Appendix A_Question 7 response_FOI_16-099.pdf' in the table headed "Graduates need minimum ABB incl Bio and one other science from Chemistry, Physics or 1 Maths".

12. What was the UKCAT threshold score for graduate students invited to interview each year?

[Information not held - s.1(1)(a), Freedom of Information Act]

There is no UKCAT threshold.

13. How many each of school leavers and graduate applicants were invited to interview each year?

In order to provide the most reliable data held by the University, we have separated the following data into two groups: those who were under 21 at time of application and those who were 21 and over (and therefore more likely to be graduates).

Age of applicant invited to interview	Year of entry	
	2015/16	2016/17
Under 21 years of age	487	559
Over 21 years of age	52	59

14. What was the weighting for interview performance and UKCAT scores when making offers each year? What was the minimum threshold scores for giving offers in each year?

The responses to question 14 above are presented in the table below:

Question	Year of Entry	
	2015/16	2016/17
Weighting of interview performance and UKCAT scores	Equally weighted	Equally weighted

Minimum threshold scores for giving offers	Interview scores must be at least 56/84. In addition the average impression score must be higher than 5.	<i>[Information not held - s.1(1)(a), FOIA]</i>
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We have not completed the offer process for the 2016/17 entry so therefore, we do not have a minimum threshold yet for that entry year.

15. How many students from independent schools were invited to interview each year?

2015/16 – 205

2016/17 – 119

16. How many students from independent schools were given offers each year?

2015/16 – 127

2016/17 – 76

17. No of applications from international students and number admitted to the course in 2015.

Applications – 203

Students admitted – 13