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Dear [REDACTED]

**Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Information request (ref: FOI\_16-119)**

We have now considered your request of 01 June 2016 for information relating to the Medicine course (A100) for the 2014/2015 and 2015/2016 admission cycles. Our response is on page 3 of this letter, together with a copy of your request.

On this occasion, it is not possible to provide all the requested information. The Act contains a number of exemptions that allow public authorities to withhold certain information from release. We have applied the following exemption to part of your request.

Exemption	Reason
s.40(2), Personal information	Disclosure of information would contravene one of the data protection principles

With regard to the questions relating to mature applicants in the 2015/16 cycle (3, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 and 11), the numbers of applicants are so low that the individuals concerned could potentially be identifiable from the requested information.

We have therefore determined that the requested information concerning those individuals' applications represents their 'personal data', as defined by section 1(1) of the Data Protection Act 1998 (DPA).

We believe that disclosure of the information relating to those individuals would be against the first data protection principle under the DPA; namely that information must be fairly and lawfully processed, and that the processing also meets one of the conditions set out in Schedule 2 of that Act. We do not have consent for the release of this information, and in this case we do not consider disclosure of the data to be necessary under any of the other conditions of Schedule 2. We have therefore concluded that disclosure of this information would not be fair.

The Information Commissioner's guidance<sup>1</sup> on the application of the section 40 exemption notes that if a public authority has determined disclosure would not be fair then it must not release the information under FOIA.

<sup>1</sup> <https://ico.org.uk/media/for-organisations/documents/1213/personal-information-section-40-and-regulation-13-foia-and-eir-guidance.pdf>

While we are sorry we cannot respond in full, we hope our response will meet your requirements, however if you are not satisfied you have the right of appeal. 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](https://ico.org.uk/Global/contact_us), or by telephone on 0303 123 1113.

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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\_16-119)

1) What was the number of places available in the course?

For each year there were 167 places in total: 154 Home/EU, 13 Overseas.

2) How many mature applicants without a degree applied for the course; on the basis of Access to HE Diploma in Medicine?

2014/5 – 12

2015/6 – 14

3) How many of those mature applicants were called for the interviews?

2014/5 – 0

2015/6 – [Information exempted pursuant to s.40(2), Freedom of Information Act]

4) What was the interview scoring system?

2014/5 cycle:

The Interview comprises seven individual stations, each with a different interviewer. Each interviewer also gives an 'Overall impression' score. The Overall Impression score is averaged over the seven interviewers and the mean score is added to the other station scores as an 8th Station. Each station score is out of 12.

2015/6 cycle:

The Interview comprises eight individual stations, each with a different interviewer. Two of the stations were averaged to create a score for a seventh station. Each interviewer also gives an 'Overall impression' score. The Overall Impression score is averaged over the eight interviewers and the mean score is added to the other station scores as the 8th Station. Each station score is out of 12.

5) What were the interview scores for those mature students receiving a conditional offer?

2014/5 – N/A

2015/6 – [Information exempted pursuant to s.40(2), Freedom of Information Act]

6) How many offers were made to those mature students with no degree?

2014/5 – 0

2015/6 – [Information exempted pursuant to s.40(2), Freedom of Information Act]

7) What was the work experiences of students given conditional offer?

2014/5 – N/A

2015/6 – [Information exempted pursuant to s.40(2), Freedom of Information Act]

8) What was the lowest GCSE grades of those mature students receiving an offer?

2014/5 – N/A

2015/6 - [Information exempted pursuant to s.40(2), Freedom of Information Act]

9) *What were their final results from the Access to HE Diploma in Medicine?*

2014/5 – N/A

2015/6 – *[Information exempted pursuant to s.40(2), Freedom of Information Act]*

10) *What was the average UKCAT score of all offer holders?*

See our response to a previous FOI request:

[https://portal.uea.ac.uk/documents/6207125/11628147/160405\\_Response+letter\\_FOI\\_16-069\\_Redacted.pdf](https://portal.uea.ac.uk/documents/6207125/11628147/160405_Response+letter_FOI_16-069_Redacted.pdf)

11) *What was the average UKCAT score among these mature offer holders?*

2014/5 – N/A

2015/6 - *[Information exempted pursuant to s.40(2), Freedom of Information Act]*