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Dear 

Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Information request (ref: FOI_16-128)

We have now considered your request of 27 June 2016 for information relating to the admission to UEA of individuals declaring a disability. A copy of your request is on page 3 of this letter.

Unfortunately, on this occasion it is not possible to provide any of the requested information. We have determined that the cost of finding and assembling some of the requested information will exceed the 'appropriate limit' as defined by section 12 of the Act and the Freedom of Information and Data Protection (Appropriate Limit and Fees) Regulations 2004/3244.

The 'appropriate limit' of £450, which equates to 18 hours' work, can relate to one request in its entirety or to a series of linked requests. If the University cannot locate, retrieve and extract some or all of the requested information within the 18 hours we are not obliged to retrieve any of the requested information.

We have more than 300 courses at UEA and there is more than one course that relates to the courses you listed. Therefore, in order to provide the requested information in the format requested, we would need to individually and manually match some 114,984 applications to the courses you listed, and we would also need to match 74,014 offer holders for the last five years.

The time and effort required to undertake this task will clearly exceed the appropriate limit.

To assist you in formulating a request to which we can respond, we would be able to respond to a request for a combined overall number of applications by, offers to, and acceptances made by applicants declaring a disability by disability code for all UEA undergraduate courses over the five-year period, but excluding any categorisation by subject area as you have provided.

We should also note that any request for data at UEA course level even with the exclusion subject area is highly likely to be exempted from release pursuant to s.43(2) of the Freedom of Information Act, which exempts information whose release would, or would be likely to, prejudice the commercial interest of any party, in this case the University itself.

You have the right of appeal against this decision. If you wish to appeal, please set out in writing your grounds of appeal and send to me at the address noted in the heading to this letter.

You must appeal our decision 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 whose [contact details](#)¹ can be found on their website.

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

Yours sincerely

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¹ https://ico.org.uk/Global/contact_us

Freedom of Information Act 2000 request (FOI_16-128)

I am writing to make an open government request for all the information to which I am entitled under the Freedom of Information Act.

Please send me:

For each UCAS disability code (found here and in attached PDF), please tell me:

- number of applications received by candidates who declared such a disability*
- number of offers made to candidates with such a disability*
- number of offers accepted by candidates with such a disability*
- total number of applications, offers and acceptances recorded for each degree course from all candidates (including those without a disability)*

for each of the following undergraduate courses which your institution offers:

Biology

Chemistry

Classics

Computer Science

Earth Sciences

English

Engineering

Geography

History

Law

Mathematics

Medicine

Modern Languages

Natural Sciences

Politics

Philosophy

Physics

Psychology

Please provide the information for 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014 and 2015.

Please break this information down by each course and disability.