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Dear [REDACTED]

**Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Information request (ref: FOI\_17-158)**

We have now considered your request of 21 June 2017 for information relating to the 5-year medicine (A100) degree programme at UEA.

Our response is on pages 3-6 of this letter, together with a copy of your request and within the attached document entitled FOI\_17-158 Appendix A.

On this occasion, 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 information relevant to questions 18 and 19 of your request. Further information is on page 6 of this letter.

Additionally, 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

In line with s.40(2) of the Act, we have removed certain personal data from the document entitled FOI\_17-158 Appendix A.

We believe that information identifying UEA staff members are 'personal data', as defined by section 1(1) of the Data Protection Act 1998 (DPA).

We believe that disclosure of the information relating to 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.

Where information has been removed from the accompanying file in accordance with s.40(2), we have replaced the text with a black rectangle.

We hope this information 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\_17-158)

*I would like to make a request for the following information under the Freedom of Information Act (2001).*

*All following questions are asked for both academic years beginning in August/September 2015 and 2016.*

*1. Total number of students who took a year out of your 5-year medicine (A100) degree to study for an intercalated bachelor's degree.*

Academic year	Number <sup>1</sup>
2015/16	7
2016/17	28
Total	35

*2. Total number of students who took a year out of your A100 degree to study for an intercalated bachelor's degree at your university.*

Academic year	Number
2015/16	0
2016/17	0
Total	0

Please note that UEA does not offer intercalated bachelor's degrees to its MBBS students or to students who apply from other universities, so there are no graduates of intercalated UEA bachelor's degrees.

*3. Total number of students who took a year out of your A100 degree to study for an intercalated bachelor's degree at another university.*

Academic year	Number
2015/16	7
2016/17	28
Total	35

*4. Total number of students from another institution studying an A100 degree, that intercalate for a bachelor's degree at your university.*

Zero. Please note response to question 2 above.

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<sup>1</sup> Prior to 2013/14 students who registered on the A104 route (Medicine with a Foundation year) were transferred to the A100 route after completing their first year of study. From 2013/14 students remain on the A104 route for the full six years of undergraduate study. The total numbers provided therefore will include students who commenced on A104, but were transferred to A100.

5. Total number of students from your A100 degree who apply to intercalate for a bachelor's degree internally.

Zero. Please note response to question 2 above.

6. Total number of students from your A100 degree who apply to intercalate for a bachelor's degree internally and are successful.

Zero. Please note response to question 2 above.

7. Total number of students from your A100 degree who apply for permission to intercalate for a bachelor's degree externally.

Academic year	Number
2015/16	7
2016/17	29
Total	36

8. Does your university require your A100 students to apply for permission to make an application for an external intercalated degree?

Yes – but students do not request permission specifically to apply externally. The process is the same as it is for internal intercalated degrees in that the request is for a concession to take a break in their MB BS course.

9. If the answer to 8 is yes: Total number of students from your A100 degree who applied for permission to intercalate externally who were granted permission to do this. (This is not affected by whether the student's applications were successful or not)

Academic year	Number <sup>2</sup>
2015/16	13
2016/17	42
Total	55

10. Does your university decide to give your A100 students permission to intercalate externally after they have been given an offer from another university?

Yes.

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<sup>2</sup> The reason that the figure for question 9 exceeds that given in response to question 7 is the latter includes all levels of intercalated external degrees and question 7 is limited to bachelors' degrees

11. If the answer to 10 is yes: Total number of students from your A100 degree who applied for permission to intercalate externally who were granted permission to do this.

Academic year	Number
2015/16	13
2016/17	42
Total	55

12. Do you cap the number of students from your A100 degree intercalating internally? If yes, what is this number?

No.

13. Do you cap the number of students from your A100 degree intercalating externally? If yes, what is this number?

No.

14. Do you have a minimum mark that is required for your A100 degree students to intercalate internally? If yes, what is it?

No.

15. Do you have a minimum mark that is required for your A100 degree students to intercalate externally? If yes, what is it?

No.

16. Do you have any specific requirements or systems to evaluate whether a student on your A100 degree should be granted permission to intercalate externally that are different to students intercalating internally? If yes, please detail the system and their differences?

No.

17. Do you publish a policy document explaining the reason for your intercalation policies? If yes, please attach.

Our response is within the attached file entitled FOI\_17-158 Appendix A.

18. Please provide the percentage and number of A100 degree students from your institution achieving a 1st,2:1,2:2 or 3rd class bachelor's degree after intercalating at your institution.

Zero. Please see response to question 2.

*19. Please provide the percentage and number of A100 degree students from another institution achieving a 1st,2:1,2:2 or 3rd class bachelor's degree after intercalating at your institution.*

Zero. Please see response to question 2.