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Dear [REDACTED]

Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Information request (ref: FOI_18-112)

We have now considered your request of 18 May 2018 for the following information:

'As per the Freedom of information Act 2000, please can you provide the following information regarding the A100 Medicine 5 year course for 2017 and 2018 entry:

- 1. For each year, the total number of applications received and the number of applications from students taking three years to complete their A Levels?*
- 2. For each year, how many candidates were interviewed, of which how many interviews were given to students taking three years to complete their A Levels?*
- 3. For each year, how many offers were given out, of which how many were given to students taking three years to complete their A Levels?*
- 4. What was the cut off score for being called for interview?*
- 5. I would also like to request a copy of any scoring or grading system used to assess each application.'*

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.

Specifically, it would require in excess of 18 hours to locate and extract the number of applications from students taking three years to complete their A levels. This information is self-declared by persons applying via UCAS and is only held on the application as UEA does not extract this information and maintain it separately.

In order to determine which applicants took 3 years to complete their A levels, we would have to manually inspect some 2743 separate applications. Estimating

approximately 3 minutes per application to locate and extract the relevant information, this would result in 8229 minutes or over 137 hours of effort, which would clearly be in excess of the appropriate limit.

To assist you in formulating a request to which we can respond, we can confirm that we could provide a response to all other elements of your request within the appropriate limit, including the other part of question 1 (for the total number of applications received).

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'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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