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Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Information request (ref: FOI_18-190)

We have now considered your request of 09 August 2018 for information relating to the number of applicants for MPharm degrees, broken down by ethnic group.

Our response is on page 3 and 4 of this letter, together with a copy of your request.

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 some of the requested information. Further information is on page 3 of this letter.

In addition, 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 be contrary to the requirements of the General Data Protection Regulation

This exemption applies to your final question in part 1 of your request. Over the requested time period the University has a single member of staff who acts in this role for the relevant courses. Information disclosing their ethnicity consists of their personal data, as defined by Article 4(1) of the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR).

We believe that disclosure of the information relating to this individual would be contrary to the requirements of Article 5(1)(a) of the GDPR; namely that information must be processed lawfully, fairly and in a transparent manner in relation to the data subject. This individual would have no expectation that this information would be made publicly available, and we have not identified a lawful basis that would allow or require us to disclose this information.

This is an absolute exemption and the University is not required to consider the public interest in the release of this data.

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, 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_18-190)

Part 1

Please can you supply the following information for each year as indicated in the following table?

	2018/19	2017/18	2016/17
Number of applicants for MPharm degrees at your university, broken down by ethnic group.	BME: 45 Not Given: 4 Not Known: 186 Other: 2 White: 27	BME: 39 Not Given: 13 Not Known: 290 Other: 2 White: 24	BME: 60 Not Given: 17 Not Known: 338 Other: 2 White: 37
Number of applicants offered a place to study the MPharm degree at your university, broken down by ethnic group.	BME: 23 Not Given: 3 Not Known: 102 Other: 0 White: 19	BME: 24 Not Given: 11 Not Known: 165 Other: 1 White: 17	BME: 41 Not Given: 17 Not Known: 180 Other: 1 White: 33
Number of applicants given a 'contextual offer'* to study the MPharm degree at your university, broken down by ethnic group. If you do not use contextual data to make offers then please indicate this.	<p>[Information not held - s.1(1)(a), Freedom of Information Act]</p> <p>The University of East Anglia does not operate contextual admissions for these courses and therefore does not hold this information.</p>		
Number of admissions tutors for the MPharm degree, broken down by ethnicity.	<p>[Information exempted pursuant to s.40(2), Freedom of Information Act]</p> <p>See letter for further details.</p>		

Please note, the University offers two courses that make up the numbers contained within the above table.

- MPharm Pharmacy
- MPharm Pharmacy with a placement year

We have provided the above information for academic, rather than calendar years.

Part 2

Please give any details of any additional support your university gives black students undertaking the MPharm degree

The University is strongly committed to ensuring that all young people can access the information and support they require to progress to high quality higher education.

All students, regardless of ethnicity, have full access to our Student Support Services and the University endeavours to assist students in any way it can.