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Dear [REDACTED]

Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Information request (ref: FOI_18-214)

We have now considered your request of 04 September 2018 for information relating to the University's A100 medicine course. For reference, your entire request is copied on page three 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.

Specifically, questions 1(b) and 1(d) of your request would, in combination, require more than 18 hours of work to locate and extract the data. Both the GCSE score and the A-level prediction scores make up part of the overall secondary screening score and are not recorded centrally and separately in one place. To obtain this information 815 separate screening sheets would need to be reviewed. Assuming a minimum of 2 minutes per sheet to locate and extract this information, this work would take over 27 hours, which is well in excess of the 18 hour limit.

To assist you in formulating a request to which we can respond, were you to withdraw questions 1(b) and (d), we would be able to provide a response to all other questions within your request.

We are sorry we are unable to provide a full response, however if you are unhappy 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 40 working 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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Freedom of Information Request, ref. FOI_18-214

"I wish to request under the Freedom of Information Act several pieces of information pertaining to the following undergraduate course offered by your university: A100 Medicine.

All information pertains to the selection criteria/methods of the 2017 application cycle only (for students starting in September 2018)....

1) In the selection for candidates for interview what means/indicators are used to shortlist, and if used what are the relative weightings of these indicators

- a. If one of the indicators is GCSE results – how are these scored?*
- b. If GCSE results were used what was the average score for England based, full fee students?*
- c. If one of the indicators is A-Level predictions – how are these scored?*
- d. If A-level predictions were used what was the average score for England based, full fee students?*
- e. If one of the indicators is UKCAT or BMAT score – what was the threshold score*
- f. If UKCAT or BMAT score predictions were used what was the average score for England based, full fee students?*

2) For the selection for admission (i.e. the decision made to offer a place for the students after interview) what means/indicators are used to identify successful candidates, and if used what are the relative weightings of these indicators.

- a. If one of the indicators is GCSE results – how are these scored?*
- b. If GCSE results were used what was the average score for England based, full fee students?*
- c. If one of the indicators is A-Level predictions – how are these scored?*
- d. If A-level predictions were used what was the average score for England based, full fee students?*
- e. If one of the indicators is UKCAT or BMAT score – what was the threshold score*
- f. If UKCAT or BMAT score predictions were used what was the average score for England based, full fee students?"*