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18 December 2019

Dear [REDACTED]

**Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Information request (ref: FOI\_19-389)**

Thank you for your request of 04 December 2019 for the following information:

- '1) The number of lectures and/or seminars in the pre-clinical curriculum for MBBS students, as of the academic year 2018/19, in which each of the following topics were substantially covered:*
- a. The role, function and/or disorders of the endocannabinoid system in humans;*
  - b. The safety and efficacy, mechanisms of action and/or clinical use of the licensed cannabis-based medicines Sativex, Epidiolex/Epydiolex and/or Nabilone;*
  - c. The safety and efficacy, mechanisms of action and/or clinical use of unlicensed cannabis-based medicines;*
  - d. The acute psychopharmacological effects of cannabis and/or cannabinoids;*
  - e. The association between chronic, heavy use of cannabis and/or cannabinoids and increased risk of psychotic disorders.*
- 2) The number of Student Selected Components, if applicable, available to MBBS students, as of the academic year 2018/19, in which any of the topics listed above were substantially covered.'*

On this occasion it is not possible to provide 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 any of the information requested. Two modules within the MBBS course allocate a total of 225 hours across the course, however it is not possible with the data held to define for which specific point, a-e of your request, these subjects are taught. Therefore we do not hold data for the number of lectures or seminars allocated to each subject specifically.

We are sorry we cannot provide the data you requested, but trust this letter explains our position. If you are unhappy with our response, you have the right of appeal against this decision. If you wish to appeal, please set out in writing your reasons for appealing and send to the above address. You must appeal within 40 working days of the date of this letter. In line with section 5.3 of the UK Government's Freedom of

Information Act Code of Practice, we are not obliged to accept internal reviews after this date.

You also have a subsequent right of appeal to the Information Commissioner's Office. Further information is available on their website:

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Yours sincerely

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