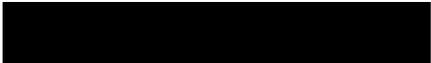


27 February 2019

Dear 

**Freedom of Information Act 2000– Information request (ref: FOI\_19-037)**

We have now considered your request of 30 January 2019 for information relating to medical students who voluntarily dropped out of their studies.

Our response is on page 2 of this letter, together with a copy of your request.

On this occasion it is not possible to provide some of 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 about the professions that medicine graduates held after leaving in the year 2017/18. Our alumni are currently being surveyed, therefore results are not yet available.

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 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:

[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\_19-037)

1. How many of your students voluntarily dropped out of a bachelor's degree in medicine without completing their course in each of the following years?

2017-18

2016-17

2015-16

2014-15

2013-14

Please give reasons for them dropping out where available.

Our response is within the table below.

Reason for dropping out	Academic Year				
	2017/18	2016/17	2015/16	2014/15	2013/14
Employment	0	0	1	0	0
Exclusion	0	0	0	0	1
Health	1	0	2	0	0
Personal	4	4	4	2	2
Transferred	1	1	1	0	3
Written off <sup>1</sup>	0	0	0	1	2
Total	6	5	8	3	8

2. How many medicine graduates did not go on to a career as a medicine profession after leaving university in each of the following years?

2017-18

2016-17

2015-16

2014-15

2013-14

Please provide info, where available, as to what professions those who did not embark on a medical degree, went into.

Our response is within the table below

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Written off occurs when time has elapsed without contact but the student has not officially withdrawn.

	<i>Academic Year</i>				
	2017/18	2016/17	2015/16	2014/15	2013/14
<i>No. of students</i>	<b>[Information not held, s.1(1)(a) Freedom of Information Act]</b>	2	1	0	1
<i>Other profession</i>	<b>[Information not held, s.1(1)(a) Freedom of Information Act]</b>	Graphic Designer; Customer Services Manager	Educational Tutor	Not applicable	Business Owner

All figures are taken from the Higher Education Statistics Agency (HESA) Destination of Leavers Higher Education (DLHE) survey, conducted 6 months after students leave the University. There is no obligation for past alumni to update the University on their professions after this survey is conducted. The University does not hold information on whether the figures differ after the survey results are compiled.