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Dear [REDACTED]

Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Information request (ref: FOI_14-198)

We have now considered your request of 30 September 2014 for information on international (non-EU) applicants to the University's A100 medicine course. Our response to your request is on page 3 of this letter and we hope this will meet your requirements. However it is not possible to provide all the requested information.

The Act contains a number of exemptions that allow public authorities to withhold certain information from release. We have applied the following exemptions to questions 3, 4, 5, 6 and 10.

Exemption:	Reason:
s.22(1), Information intended for future publication	Some of the requested information is intended for later publication
s.36(2)(c), Prejudice to the effective conduct of public affairs	Release of this information would, or would be likely to, prejudice the University's ability to carry out its role

With regard to the application of s.22(1), the University has received many similar requests for data relating to previous years' A100 admissions cycles. Responses to related requests can be found in our Admissions Disclosure Log web pages.¹

Due to the large number of requests for information on admissions to the University's A100 medical degree programme, we have identified certain data which we intend to proactively publish on completion of the 2014/15 admissions cycle in November. The information you have requested in questions 3, 4, 5 and 6 will be published on the UEA website at that point. Further explanation of why this exemption is engaged can be found in our response to an earlier FOI request published on our disclosure log.²

The s.36(2)(c) exemption has been applied to the assessment form requested in question 10. The remainder of the data requested in question 10 has already been

¹ <https://portal.uea.ac.uk/information-services/strategy-planning-and-compliance/regulations-and-policies/information-regulations-and-policies/freedom-of-information/disclosure-log/admissions>

² https://portal.uea.ac.uk/documents/6207125/6884169/FOI_14-087.pdf/4ce30e1a-dc73-471d-8051-605f7c96bef2

provided in response to an earlier request³. The form itself has been requested several times, most recently in September this year but also in the requests referenced in footnotes 2 and 3. We have consulted again with the University's Vice-Chancellor on the application of the s.36 exemption to the information contained within the form. As a result we have determined that our position – and therefore our response – has not changed since our response to these earlier requests. A full explanation of why this exemption is engaged can be found in the requests referenced above.

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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 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: 0303 123 1113.

Please quote our reference given at the head of this letter in all correspondence.

Yours sincerely

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University of East Anglia

³ https://portal.uea.ac.uk/documents/6207125/6884169/FOI_13-138.pdf/

Response to Freedom of Information Act 2000 request (FOI_14-198)

I am making a request regarding international (non-EU students) statistics for the A100 course in the UCAS cycle. This requests is for the 2013/2014, 2012/2013 and for the 2011/2012 cycle.

0) How many international applicants were there?

Admissions cycle	Number of international applicants
2013/14	See our response to a previous request: https://portal.uea.ac.uk/documents/6207125/6884169/FOI_13-134.pdf/
2012/13	172
2011/12	155

1) How many international (non EU) students that are called for interview are made an offer?

Admissions cycle	Number of offers made to international applicants
2013/14	See our response to a previous request: https://portal.uea.ac.uk/documents/6207125/6884169/FOI_14-050.pdf/14334928-9476-40e0-bfb2-45e9c9f5cd69
2012/13	See our response to a previous request: https://portal.uea.ac.uk/documents/6207125/6884169/FOI_14-046.pdf/6727d6ee-b8cc-4682-9f35-d41ea102ba6d
2011/12	

2) From those who were offered an interview how many were given an offer?

See answer to question 1.

3) For each applicant who was successful in obtaining an interview, can I get a list of their UKCAT score, their GCSE's, and predicted A Level results, AS level results or grades from any other qualifications and subjects studied.

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4) For each applicant who was unsuccessful in obtaining an interview, can I get a list of their UKCAT score, their GCSE's, and predicted A Level results, AS level results or grades from any other qualifications and subjects studied.

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5) For each applicant who was successful in obtaining an offer, can I get a list of their UKCAT score, their GCSE's, and predicted A Level results, AS level results or grades from any other qualifications and subjects studied

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6) For each applicant who was unsuccessful in obtaining an offer, can I get a list of their UKCAT score, their GCSE's, and predicted A Level results, AS level results or grades from any other qualifications and subjects studied

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7) *How many of these students normally Firm this offer or use this as insurance?*

For 2011/12 and 2012/13, see response to question 1. In 2013/14, 16 international students accepted as their firm choice and 6 accepted as their insurance choice.

8) *Can I get a list of criteria that the interviewers looked at during the interview to determine a candidates suitability?*

Please see the University's response to a previous request for information:

https://portal.uea.ac.uk/documents/6207125/6884169/FOI_13-138.pdf/

The criteria have not altered since this information was released in November 2013.

9) *How was the interview scored? Was it a score out of 10 by each interviewer or anything along those lines?*

Please see the University's response to a previous request for information:

https://portal.uea.ac.uk/documents/6207125/6884169/FOI_13-138.pdf/

The scoring details have not altered since this information was released in November 2013.

10) *I would also like any scoring or grading system used to assess interview performance and if a form or such is provided to interviewers to record performance is available I would also kindly request this. This specific request is for this years admission cycle, ie 2013/2014.*

[Information exempted pursuant to s.36(2)(c), Freedom of Information Act]

11) *Is their interview criteria the same as that for EU students?*

See question 4 in our response to a previous request:

https://portal.uea.ac.uk/documents/6207125/6884169/FOI_14-046.pdf/6727d6ee-b8cc-4682-9f35-d41ea102ba6d