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Dear [REDACTED]

**Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Information request (ref: FOI\_15-096)**

We have now considered your request of 16 May 2015 for information relating to applications to the University's A100 course. Our response is on page 3 of this letter, together with a copy of your request, and in the accompanying PDF file 'FOI\_15-096 Appendix A'. We hope our response will meet your requirements.

However it is not possible to provide all the requested information. Firstly, 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 all of the requested information. We have indicated in our response below where information is not held.

Secondly, the Act contains a number of exemptions that allow public authorities to withhold certain information from release. We have applied the following exemption to question 15 of your request.

Exemption	Reason
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

We have received several requests for the template interview score sheets and on each occasion the University's Vice-Chancellor has considered these requests and has determined the information should be withheld from public release. 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 our responses to these earlier requests on our disclosure log<sup>1</sup>. See for example: [https://portal.uea.ac.uk/documents/6207125/6884169/FOI\\_14-059.pdf/](https://portal.uea.ac.uk/documents/6207125/6884169/FOI_14-059.pdf/)

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<sup>1</sup> <https://portal.uea.ac.uk/information-services/strategy-planning-and-compliance/regulations-and-policies/information-regulations-and-policies/freedom-of-information/disclosure-log/admissions/a100-med-admissions>

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](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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## Response to Freedom of Information Act 2000 request (FOI\_15-096)

I will like some information about the UK/EU students who applied to the Uni in the last 5 years for the A100 MBChB course (for applications received in 2010 to 2014). I wish to receive the following details through email:

1. Year of course
2. No of places available each year
3. No of applications received each year
4. No of interviews offered each year
5. No of offers made each year
6. No of entrants to the course each year

1. Year of course	2. UK/EU places available	3. UK/EU applications received	4. UK/EU interviews offered	5. UK/EU offers made	6. UK/EU entrants to the course
2010/1	155	1667	657	237	132
2011/2	155	2043	652	268	127
2012/3	155	1370	656	291	134
2013/4	155	1205	623	282	130
2014/5	155	1195	499	250	131

The number of places available for UK/EU students is 155 per year. How this number is achieved is different in each year dependent upon the number of foundation year students progressing into year 1 of the course and the number of intercalators returning into year 1. UK/EU entrants (Q.6.) above exclude foundation year transfers and intercalators.

7. A template for the academic performance scoring sheets used each year (e.g. scores given to A\*, A, B and so on). If a numeric score was given to this, what was the minimum threshold for students who were invited to interview each year?

2010 and 2011: **[Information not held - s.1(1)(a), Freedom of Information Act]**

2012, 2013, 2014: See accompanying file 'FOI\_15-096 Appendix A'.

8. A template for the admission test (UKCAT) scoring sheets used each year. If a numeric score was given to this, what was the minimum threshold for students invited to interview?

**[Information not held - s.1(1)(a), Freedom of Information Act]**

We do not have a UKCAT scoring sheet, however within our data the UKCAT elements are given a score based on the following table:

Range		Value (Score)
Upper	Lower	
900	751	3
750	601	2
600	451	1
450	0	0

There is no minimum UKCAT score threshold.

9. What was the weighting for academic performance and UKCAT scores when shortlisting for interviews? What was the minimum threshold scores for being invited to interview each year?

	Academic score	UKCAT score
2010/1	<b>[Information not held - s.1(1)(a), Freedom of Information Act]</b>	
2011/2		
2012/3	33%	67%
2013/4	50%	50%
2014/5	67%	33%

There is no minimum threshold that must be achieved. Each application cohort is assessed independently and combined scores ranked to generate an interviewee group.

10. Are the personal statements scored for inclusion in the shortlisting criteria? If so, may I have a template of this scoring sheet.

**[Information not held - s.1(1)(a), Freedom of Information Act]**

See our responses to previous similar requests for information:

[https://portal.uea.ac.uk/documents/6207125/6884169/FOI\\_13-106.pdf/](https://portal.uea.ac.uk/documents/6207125/6884169/FOI_13-106.pdf/)

[https://portal.uea.ac.uk/documents/6207125/6884169/FOI\\_13-037.pdf/](https://portal.uea.ac.uk/documents/6207125/6884169/FOI_13-037.pdf/)

11. How are the academic achievements of graduate student applications scored compared with the school leavers?

See the data tables in the accompanying spreadsheet provided in response to question 7.

12. What was the UKCAT threshold score for graduate students invited to interview each year?

**[Information not held - s.1(1)(a), Freedom of Information Act]**

There is no UKCAT threshold.

13. How many each of school leavers and graduate applicants were invited to interview each year?

In order to provide the most reliable data held by the University, we have separated the following data into two groups: those who were under 21 at time of application and those who were 21 and over (and therefore more likely to be graduates).

	<21yrs invited to interview	>=21yrs invited to interview
2010/1	523	134
2011/2	519	133
2012/3	532	124
2013/4	501	122
2014/5	427	72

14. What was the weighting for interview performance and UKCAT scores when making offers each year?

2010/1	100% interview score
2011/2	100% interview score
2012/3	Equally weighted
2013/4	Equally weighted
2014/5	Equally weighted

What was the minimum threshold scores for giving offers in each year?

2010/1	<b>[Information not held - s.1(1)(a), Freedom of Information Act]</b>
2011/2	
2012/3	
2013/4	Interview scores must be at least 56/84. In addition the average impression score must be higher than 5.
2014/5	Interview scores must be at least 56/84. In addition the average impression score must be higher than 5.

15. A template for the interview score sheets used each year.

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

16. How many students from independent schools were invited to interview each year?

2010/1	<b>[Information not held - s.1(1)(a), Freedom of Information Act]</b>
2011/2	103
2012/3	114
2013/4	95
2014/5	101

17. How many students from independent schools were given offers each year?

2010/1	49
2011/2	51
2012/3	56
2013/4	37
2014/5	62

18. No of applications from international students and number admitted to the course each year in the last five years.

	Applications	Students admitted
2010/1	155	16
2011/2	220	12

	Applications	Students admitted
2012/3	155	11
2013/4	177	13
2014/5	203	14