



IT Services

18 April, 2017

Dear Andrea,

**Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002**  
**Our Ref: 89-17**

I refer to your request for information received by the University on 28 March, 2017 under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 ("the FOISA") in relation to admission to A100 Medicine programme.

I confirm the University does not hold all the information requested. The information that is held is either being provided or direction is provided as to where it can be accessed from a readily available source.

The University of St Andrews operates a three year BSc (Honours) Medicine programme that has UCAS code A100. Graduates of this programme then go on to complete an MB ChB/MBBS qualification at a Partner Medical School. The data provided refers to UCAS applications to this course only.

For definitions of fee status, please see <http://www.st-andrews.ac.uk/study/policy/fee-status-policy/>.

1. *How many places in each cycle were allocated to each of Scotland/EU, SFC-funded, RUK and non-EU applicants?*

The funded and clinical places are regulated and controlled externally to the University and are available from the Scottish Funding Council website ([www.sfc.ac.uk/funding/funding.aspx](http://www.sfc.ac.uk/funding/funding.aspx)). Penalties apply if institutions do not keep within these number controls.

As the information provided in response to this part of your enquiry is published and made available by the SFC on their website, section 25(1), *Information otherwise accessible* of the FOISA is applicable. The University has responsibilities to the taxpayer and other stakeholders to provide value for money. Where information has been proactively made available and the public interest is best served by referring an applicant to that alternative source, then it will do so. Please note that this exemption is absolute and does not require validation through application of the public interest test.

The University does not hold the information requested in relation to 2017 entry as the final allocation has yet to be determined by the SFC. Indicative figures have however been published by SFC and can be found on their website which partially provides the information requested in relation 2017 entry.

Section 17 of the FOISA requires that a Scottish public authority confirms in writing where information requested of it is not held and notice is therefore given to this effect in relation to the 2017 entry data.

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2. How many applicants were there in each cycle from each of Scotland, EU (excluding RUK), RUK and non-EU?
3. How many applicants in each cycle were selected for interview from each of Scotland, EU (excluding RUK), RUK and non-EU? For 2017 please give statistics at the date of request.
4. What was the UKCAT cut-off score for interview for each category or lowest score for interview for each category of applicant (Scotland, EU (excluding RUK), RUK, non-EU in each cycle)?

Table 1 below provides the data requested in answer to questions 2, 3 and 4. The following is highlighted:

- a. It should be noted that the 2017-18 entry cycle is currently ongoing and the data given is subject to change. The data given below is accurate as at 10th April 2017.
- b. As part of the Medicine admissions process the University requires a minimum score for the UKCAT examination however this score varies in each application cycle and reflects the application pool. The University reserves the right to lower the UKCAT criteria due to mitigating circumstances.
- c. UKCAT scores given below for 2017-18 entry do not include the score for the Decision Making element of the test as a new version is being piloted and UKCAT are not supplying this score to universities.

**Table 1: UCAS Applications to A100 BSc (Hons) Medicine by Fee Status (FTE)**

	2017-18				2016-17			
	Scotland	EU	RUK	Overseas	Scotland	EU	RUK	Overseas
Applications	357	208	190	112	344	217	182	147
Interview	202	44	145	26	192	23	139	48
Offers	121	27	93	17	133	13	97	23
Lowest UKCAT score for offer holders	1830	1930	1790	1890	2400	2590	2490	2440

Your right to seek a review of how your information request was managed

If you are not satisfied with the University's response and/or our reasoning set-out above, you have the right to request a review of our decision. The time lines in which this right is available are set out in section 20(5)(a) and (b) FOISA. In broad terms the right to seek a review must be exercised no later than 40 working days following receipt of this response.

Any request for review should be put in writing or some other permanent form e.g. an e-mail and should be sent to the University of St Andrews, through the contact details provided below.

A request for a Review should:

- a) state your name and address;
- b) describe the nature of your original request; and
- c) explain the reasons why you are dissatisfied with our response.

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If you remain dissatisfied with how your request for information has been dealt with following Review, you also have the right to apply to the Scottish Information Commissioner (SIC) for a decision.

Details on how to make an appeal online to the SIC can be found on their website:  
<http://www.itspublicknowledge.info/YourRights/Unhappywiththeresponse/AppealingtoCommissioner.aspx>

Alternatively, you can contact the SIC by post, telephone or email at:

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Kinburn Castle  
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E-mail: [enquiries@itspublicknowledge.info](mailto:enquiries@itspublicknowledge.info)

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This concludes the University's response.

Yours sincerely

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