



IT Services

13 January 2017

Dear Mr Purkayastha,

Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002
Our Ref: 243-16(b)

I refer to your request for information received by the University on 12 December 2016 under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 ("the FOISA") seeking the following:

- *For candidates not involved in the REACH programme:*
 - a) *The lowest UKCAT score considered for an interview in Medicine in each of the last 5 years; and*
 - b) *The average UKCAT score for successful applicants in Medicine in each of the last 5 years i.e. applicants who were given an offer from the School of Medicine.*
- *The above data not to include candidates with extenuating circumstances.*

I confirm the University does not hold all the information requested however, the information that is held is being released to you in full.

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 following data refers to UCAS applications to this course only.

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.

The data provided in the tables below excludes applicants from REACH target schools i.e. for all 5 REACH partner universities (REACH is operated by ourselves, Edinburgh, Glasgow, Aberdeen and Dundee).

Table 1: Lowest UKCAT Score for Interviewed Applicants not at a REACH Target School by Year

Year	Score
2011/2	2110
2012/3	1720
2013/4	2020
2014/5	2130
2015/6	2210

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Table 2: Average UKCAT Score for Applicants Not at a REACH Target School Receiving an Offer by Year

Year	Score
2011/2	2756
2012/3	2728
2013/4	2829
2014/5	2963
2015/6	2727

Information not held

From the level of detail captured in our records it is not possible for the University to meet the element of your enquiry asking for candidates with extenuating circumstances to be excluded from the data provided. 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.

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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This concludes the University's response.

Yours sincerely

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