

Younus Rahmen

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Dear Younus Rahmen

**G00539: Freedom of Information Request**

We refer to your request for information dated 20/08/2021 under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (the "Act").

Please find below your question, as clarified further by you on the 24<sup>th</sup> August and 28<sup>th</sup> August, with the University's corresponding response.

**Question**

Dear University of Southampton,

I am writing to make a request for the following statistics for the previous five admission cycles for BM5 and BM6, Home and International applicants:

- 1) Total number of applications
- 2) Total number of interviews
- 3) Total number of offers
- 4) UCAT threshold
- 5) If there was no threshold: the lowest UCAT score

6) Interview scoring sheet

7) Weighting of each component (such as UCAT, Personal Statement, and GSCE's) in offering an interview

Yours faithfully,

Younus Rahman

On the 22<sup>nd</sup> September you wrote further to state:

*I am writing to request an internal review of University of Southampton's handling of my FOI request 'Medicine Admission Statistics (A100)'.*

*You had been expected to respond to my request by 14 September 2021 and this had not been satisfied. Therefore, could someone review my request and respond to me as soon as possible?*

**Answer**

In accordance with [Section 1\(1\)\(a\)](#) of the Act, we confirm that the University holds information of the description specified in your request.

1) 2) and 3)

The number of applicants accepted for the previous five admission cycles is publicly available from [UCAS public data Provider level data resources](#). Select University of Southampton as the provider, select the relevant subject group and toggle between the domicile. As the information you have requested is available at this time or in the near future, through UCAS, it is reasonably accessible to you by other means, and the disclosure is exempt by virtue of [section 21](#). We interview more applicants than are accepted every year.

4) 5) and 7):

All applicants must take the University clinical aptitude test (UCAT). There is no UCAT threshold. Each year all applicants are ranked by UCAT score and the top number invited to interview. For more information, on our eligibility criteria please visit our Bachelor of Medicine [webpages](#). As the information you have requested is available, it is reasonably accessible to you by other means, and the disclosure is exempt by virtue of [section 21](#).

6):

Whilst we are likely to hold recent interview scoring sheets, we are unable to provide it. The information requested constitutes personal data under [Section 3 of the Data Protection Act 2018](#). It is exempt from disclosure by virtue of [Section 40\(2\)](#) of the Act which confers an absolute exemption.

For all of your requests, please review our responses to previous A100 (BM5) and BM6 Medicine requests by browsing to the University of Southampton section of the [What Do They Know site](#) and

filtering by relevant keywords. As the information you have requested is already publicly available, it is reasonably accessible to you by other means, and the disclosure is exempt by virtue of [section 21](#).

Please note that you raised your request, and it was received on the 20<sup>th</sup> August 2021 and as a public authority we must comply not later than the twentieth working day following the date of receipt. A working day calculation excludes, Saturday, Sundays and bank holidays. Furthermore, we raised a clarification on the 2<sup>nd</sup> working day following the date of receipt which you subsequently responded to and this paused the clock. Accordingly your response was due no later than today i.e. 22 September 2021 and is not late.

If you do not feel that we have dealt with your request in accordance with the requirements of [Part I](#) of the Act, you may request a review. Your request for a review should specify in what respect you consider that the requirements of [Part I](#) have not been met. Please address your request for a review by completing the [form](#) and selecting Fol Review.

In accordance with section 53 of the [Code of Practice](#), a request for a review must be sent within 40 working days of the date of this letter. The University is not obliged to accept any requests for a review beyond 40 working days. We will acknowledge your request for a review and endeavour to respond within 20 working days of its receipt but please note that a deadline for a review response is not prescribed by the Act.

The Information Commissioner is responsible for enforcing rights of access to information and the operation of the publication scheme. You may apply to the Information Commissioner in writing (FOI/EIR Complaints Resolution, Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire SK9 5AF) or [electronically](#) for a decision whether, in any specified respect, your request for information has been dealt with by the University in accordance with the requirements of [Part I](#) of the Act. The Information Commissioner will not normally act unless they are satisfied that the University's review procedure has been exhausted.

Yours sincerely,

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