

Mia Houghton
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Dear Mia Houghton,

G01015: Freedom of Information Request

We refer to your request for information dated 11/04/2022 under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (the "Act").

Please find below your question, with the University's corresponding response.

Question

Dear University of Southampton,

Could I please request the following information be released. The percentage of successful (successful being received an offer) applicants for your A100 Medicine course. That came from the following Regions:

Northern Ireland

North East England

Wales

Scotland

West Midlands - England

East Midlands - England

Yorkshire & The Humber - England

South West - England

North West - England

Eastern - England

South East - England

Greater London - England

China
Hong Kong
Singapore
USA
France
India
Germany
Malaysia
Italy
Poland
Spain
Ireland
Romania
Canada
Cyprus
Switzerland
Hungary
South Korea
Australia
Pakistan
Netherlands
Bulgaria
Belgium
Sweden
Lithuania
Other EU
Other Non EU

Can the data please be for the years 2021.

Answer

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

Disclosure of the requested information is exempt, in full, in accordance with Section 21 of the Act.

Section 21 of the Act provides that:

21. Information accessible to applicant by other means

21. (1) Information which is reasonably accessible to the applicant otherwise than under section 1 is exempt information.

(2). For the purposes of subsection (1)-

(a) Information may be reasonably accessible to the applicant even though it is accessible only on payment; and

(b) Information is to be taken to be reasonably accessible to the applicant if it is information which the public authority or any other person is obliged by or under any enactment to communicate (otherwise than by making the information available for inspection) to members of the public on request, whether free of charge or on payment.

The Act gives rights of public access to information held by public authorities. The purpose of Section 21 of the Act is to ensure that there is no right of access to information via the Act/FOI process, if it is already available to the applicant via another route.

This exemption applies if the requested information is already accessible to you as the Applicant/Requester. This exemption is applied where it is either known that you already hold the information or it is available to you (with the information already being in the public domain).

When the University is applying this exemption, it has a duty to confirm or deny whether it holds the information and where possible inform you of how you can access the information.

Given that the information is available in the public domain, it is entirely reasonable and appropriate to withhold disclosure of the requested information pertaining to the scope of your request, in accordance with Section 21 of the Act. The requested information can be found at:

UCAS

<https://www.ucas.com/data-and-analysis/data-products-and-services/exact>, however it may require a purchase.

Please note that in accordance with Section 21(2)(a) of the Act information may be regarded as reasonably accessible to the applicant "even though it is accessible only on payment".

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 **must** specify in what respect you consider that the requirements of [Part I](#) of the Act have not been met; mere dissatisfaction with our response is insufficient. Please address your request for a review by completing the [form](#) and selecting FOI Review.

In accordance with section 5.3 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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