

By email only to: request-686767-93d0bf78@whatdotheyknow.com

21 September 2020

Dear Miss Begum,

Freedom of Information Act 2000

Request for information: response

Date of request: 22 August 2020
Due date: 22 September 2020
Ref: RITM0311279

We refer to your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 ("the Act").

Below is your question with the University's corresponding response.

Question:

Please can you provide me with:

- 1) The lowest/minimum UCAT score accepted into the A100 course for the previous 3 years
- 2) How the personal statement is used to differentiate between applicants and if a scale is used, can you please explain what it is
- 3) How work experience is used to invite applicants to interviews
- 4) Whether AS grades are going to be a factor into inviting applicant for interviews for 2021 entry as they were not able to sit exams

Answer:

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

Question 1

The lowest UCAT scores invited to interview for BM5 School Leaver:

- 2017 entry: 1690*
- 2018 entry: 2580
- 2019 entry: 2510

* Please note: UKCAT introduced a new subsection this year and therefore only used 3 out of the 4 sub tests so all scores were much lower.

Further information and advice on our current admissions can be found at the following link: <https://www.southampton.ac.uk/medicine/undergraduate/courses.page>

Question 2: The personal statement is not used to differentiate between applicants it is only used during the panel interview as the basis of the questions asked.

Question 3: Work experience is only discussed at interview. Applicants are not specifically asked about work experience rather they can use it to demonstrate how they meet our non-academic criteria.

- Are self-motivated and resilient
- Have reflected on and learnt from life experiences (this may include, work experience, paid employment and personal experiences both in and outside health and social care settings)
- Can communicate effectively
- Are able to interact successfully with others
- Can demonstrate an understanding of the values of the NHS constitution

Question 4: We do not look at AS grades.

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 to the Chief Operating Officer at the following address: foi@soton.ac.uk.

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 email. The University is not obliged to accept any requests for a review beyond 40 working days.

We will endeavour to respond to your request for a review within 20 working days of receipt.

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Yours sincerely,

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