

By email only to: request-689304-1cd9e1a5@whatdotheyknow.com

29 September 2020

Dear Olaa Abelmonim,

Freedom of Information Act 2000

Request for information: response

Date of request: 4 September 2020

Due date: 2 October 2020

Ref: RITM0320921

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:

I would like to make a request for the following information under the Freedom Of Information Act (2000).

Please disclose the grounds on which you chose which BM5 Medicine offer holders to accept for 2020 entry, or defer for 2021 entry. Please detail each of the factors considered and how they contributed to the final decision.

Answer:

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

Offers are made based on interview performance.

On A Level results day Medicine spaces were initially filled by applicants who met the entry requirement as set out by the university for confirmation and clearing.

Following the government review of the A Level results and the release of the new results all applicants who had now achieved the required grades were ranked on their UCAT score. Any remaining spaces were filled working our way down the UCAT ranking list. All other applicants who had achieved the grades, but we could not offer a space to this year, were then offered a deferred space for 2021 entry.

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.

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 take action unless they are satisfied that the University's review procedure has been exhausted.

Yours sincerely,

A stylized, handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'foi'.

Freedom of Information Office

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