

By email only to: request-695623-d276971e@whatdotheyknow.com

15 March 2021

Dear A Ying,

Freedom of Information Act 2000
Request for information: response

Date of request: 1 October 2020

Due date: 29 October 2020

Ref: RITM0329573

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:

1) The total number of students on your Medical Student Register between beginning of academic year 2006-2007 and end of academic year 2019-2020. Please report this in student-years: for example, if a student started studying Medicine in 2019, that would be 1 student-year; if a student started studying Medicine in 2006, and graduated in 2011, that would be 5 student-years.

2) The total number of concerns about medical students' fitness to practice (FTP) received by designed staff(s) responsible for initially considering FTP and deciding whether a formal proceeding is appropriate in the same time period. Designed staff(s) may be, for example, head of medical education and/or chair of FTP committee.

3) The total number of formal FTP proceedings in the same time period.

Please break down the ethnicity as follows:

- White background (10, 13, 14, 15, 19)
- Black background (21, 22, 29)
- Asian background (31, 32, 33, 34, 39)
- Mixed background (41, 42, 43, 49)
- Arab (50)
- Other (80)
- Not known/refused (90, 98)

Reference to codes are to

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Answer:

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

1. The information you have requested is publicly available from UCAS Exact:
<https://www.ucas.com/data-and-analysis/data-products-and-services/exact>

As the information you have requested is available via the UCAS Exact website, it is reasonably accessible to you by other means, and disclosure is exempt by virtue of [section 21](#) of the Act.

2. The University does not hold information regarding the number of concerns received by designated staff which do not progress to formal proceedings.

3. The table below presents the recorded number of FTP cases that were raised in the relevant academic year. These may represent multiple cases for individual students and cases that were on hold due to suspensions or students who withdrew.

Academic Year	No FTP Cases
2006/7	5
2007/8	<3
2008/9	0
2009/10	5
2010/11	6
2011/12	5
2012/13	4
2013/14	8
2014/15	5
2015/16	10
2016/17	14
2017/18	13
2018/19	5
2019/20	0

*Figures marked <3 (less than 3) are to protect the identity of any individuals.

We do not hold the demographic data specifically linked to FTP cases but demographic data for our students is publicly available via the UCAS website (UCAS Exact data), where ethnicity is included: <https://www.ucas.com/data-and-analysis/data-products-and-services/exact>

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 by completing this [form](#) and selecting Freedom of Information 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 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,

Freedom of Information Office

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