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Dear Miss Hunter

Freedom of information request

Thank you for your email of 4th October 2016 requesting information about scoring for applicants from England, Wales and Northern Ireland for Medicine.

The University of Edinburgh Medical School is renowned for preparing its students to be world class doctors. The MBChB programme curriculum aims to ensure that our graduates are caring, competent, confident and reflective practitioners, and are able to function at the highest level in academic, hospital or community settings. Further information about the MBChB is published on the website at <http://www.ed.ac.uk/medicine-vet-medicine/undergraduate/medicine/mbchb>

We have interpreted your request as asking for statistics relating to students with a fee status of England, Wales and Northern Ireland, known as Rest of UK (RUK).

You asked for statistics relating to applications for the last five admission cycles. You should note that the scoring system is reviewed annually and updated where appropriate, so the criteria for assessment is not necessarily identical.

Information about the application process is available at: <http://www.ed.ac.uk/medicine-vet-medicine/undergraduate/medicine/applying/how-to-apply/procedure>

Offers and Acceptances (question 4)

You asked how many offers were given to RUK applicants and what percentage of these offer-holders go on to take up a place at the medical school. The data for 2013/14 to 2015/16 is available online here: <http://www.ed.ac.uk/medicine-vet-medicine/undergraduate/medicine/applying/how-to-apply/admissions-stats>

Data for 2011/12 and 2012/13 can be found below:

Table 1: RUK offers and acceptances for 2011/12 and 2012/13

| Year | Offers | Acceptances (%) |
|---------|--------|-----------------|
| 2011/12 | 136 | 62% |
| 2012/13 | 140 | 64% |

Lowest application scores for successful Rest of UK Applicants (question 1)

You asked what was the lowest score each year (out of 40) assigned to a successful RUK applicants and how many successful applicants were assigned that score that year, for the cycles 2011/12, 2012/13, 2013/14, 2014/15 and 2015/16. Scoring out of 40 only existed from 2014 entry onwards. Prior to that, the score was out of 37. Please note that there will be applicants who are unsuccessful who have achieved higher scores than this. This is because offer-making is an iterative process, with initial offers made to the highest scoring candidates across the sector and any subsequent vacancies are then available to be offered to candidates who do not hold an offer elsewhere.

Table 2: Lowest application scores for successful RUK Applicants

| Year | Lowest application score |
|-------------|---------------------------------|
| 2011/12 | 25/37 |
| 2012/13 | 27/37 |
| 2013/14 | 35/40 |
| 2014/15 | 30/40 |
| 2015/16 | 31/40 |

In each case the number of applicants with the lowest application score was less than 5. I have not provided the exact number because disclosing these low numbers could enable individuals to be identified. This would breach the data protection principles set out in the Data Protection Act 1998. The Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 does not require us to provide this sort of information as it is exempt under section 38(1)(b).

Lowest UKCAT scores for successful RUK Applicants with the lowest overall application score (question 2)

You asked of the successful RUK applicants who were assigned the score in table 2 above, what was the lowest UKCAT score achieved.

Table 3: Lowest UKCAT scores for successful RUK Applicants with the lowest overall application score

| Year | Lowest UKCAT score |
|-------------|---------------------------|
| 2011/12 | 2500 |
| 2012/13 | 2600 |
| 2013/14 | 3020 |
| 2014/15 | 2560 |
| 2015/16 | 2530 |

Highest UKCAT scores for successful RUK Applicants with the lowest application score (question 3)

You asked of the successful RUK applicants who were assigned the lowest application score, what was the highest UKCAT score achieved.

Table 4: Highest UKCAT scores for successful RUK Applicants with the lowest overall application score

| Year | Highest UKCAT score |
|---------|---------------------|
| 2011/12 | 2890 |
| 2012/13 | 2600 |
| 2013/14 | 3260 |
| 2014/15 | 2610 |
| 2015/16 | 2820 |

Non-academic scoring (question 5)

You asked what percentage of applicants were awarded a score for their personal statement and reference of 6/6. Not every cycle has had the same scoring system. Cycles 2013/14 and 2015/16 are the two which have used the 6/6 scoring. Therefore I have provided you with data on the percentage of applicants obtaining maximum marks, regardless of the numerical value of the score.

Table 5: Percentage of RUK applicants obtaining maximum marks for personal statement and reference

| Year | Percentage obtaining maximum |
|---------|------------------------------|
| 2011/12 | 0% |
| 2012/13 | <1% |
| 2013/14 | 5% |
| 2014/15 | 1% |
| 2015/16 | 6% |

Total Application Scores (questions 6 and 7)

You asked what number of applicants gained a score of 40/40, 39/40, 38/40, 37/40, 36/40 and 35/40. As mentioned previously, prior to 2013/14 scoring was out of 37 and therefore have provided data based on the assumption you wish to see the same number of scores below the total.

Table 6: Number of RUK applicants gaining scores between 35 and 40 out of 40

| Year | 40/40 | 39/40 | 38/40 | 37/40 | 36/40 | 35/40 |
|---------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| 2013/14 | 12 | 20 | 57 | 61 | 96 | 82 |
| 2014/15 | 6 | 21 | 26 | 47 | 50 | 54 |
| 2015/16 | 10 | 26 | 30 | 39 | 51 | 56 |

Table 7: Number of RUK applicants gaining scores between 32 and 37 out of 40

| Year | 37/37 | 36/37 | 35/37 | 34/37 | 33/37 | 32/37 |
|---------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| 2011/12 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 6 | 7 |

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| 2012/13 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 8 |
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You also asked what the average score (out of 40) was for RUK applicants. Again, if the score was out of 37, this has been indicated.

Table 8: Average score out of 40 for RUK applicants

| Year | Average score |
|---------|---------------|
| 2011/12 | 25/37 |
| 2012/13 | 25/37 |
| 2013/14 | 32/40 |
| 2014/15 | 31/40 |
| 2015/16 | 32/40 |

Technical exemption

Please note that where the information you requested is available to you through the University website, it is technically exempt from the University's obligation to answer requests for information under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002. The information is exempt under section 25 of this Act, because it is available to you by another route. This exemption is a technical matter only and does not affect your ability to obtain the information on-line. If you do not have access to the Internet or would prefer to receive information in hard copy please let me know and I will arrange for printouts from the appropriate web pages to be sent to you.

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Yours sincerely



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