

**From:** Freedom of Information

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**To:**

**Subject:** Freedom of Information Response (Our Ref: K/20/359)

Dear

### **Freedom of Information Response (Our Ref: K/20/359)**

Thank you for your Freedom of Information (FOI) request dated 16 September 2020, reference K/20/359.

Your request read:

“Do you have a policy to prevent students who previously applied to your Medical school applying to Dentistry? Or would this be held against me when applying?”

Please could you provide data for the last three admissions cycles of:

1. Process of selecting candidates for dentistry interviews.
2. What is the ratio of previous applications to places?
3. Mean number of A\* at GCSE for an interview.
4. How you use the BMAT in your selection criteria.”

The University of Leeds holds this information.

**Do you have a policy to prevent students who previously applied to your Medical school applying to Dentistry? Or would this be held against me when applying?**

We have no such policy.

- 1. Process of selecting candidates for dentistry interviews.**
- 4. How you use the BMAT in your selection criteria.**

We address these questions together.

Applications are first reviewed in order to sift out those which do not meet the minimum course requirements (e.g. students who have not secured appropriate grades or taken the necessary courses). Following this initial sift, candidates have their BMAT results ranked according to other scores in the cohort; there is no ‘cut off score’. The UCAS forms students submit are then reviewed, with all sections used in conjunction with their BMAT results in order to shortlist for invitation to interview.

#### **2. What is the ratio of previous applications to places?**

In 2018, we received 460 applications to the A200 dentistry course. 107 offers were made.

In 2019, we received 486 applications to the A200 dentistry course. 91 offers were made.

In 2020, we received 975 applications to the A200 dentistry course. 76 offers were made.

### **3. Mean number of A\* at GCSE for an interview.**

We do not retain information regarding the GCSE grades of applicants. Please note that not all applicants take GCSE courses before their application to University (e.g. mature students; students who did not study in England or Wales). Applicants who do not hold relevant or sufficiently strong GCSE (or equivalent) grades will not progress through the applications process and as such there is no benefit to us retaining this information.

We hope this information is helpful. If you have any questions about this email, however, please do not hesitate to contact us on [foi@leeds.ac.uk](mailto:foi@leeds.ac.uk)

If you are unhappy with the service you have received in relation to your request and wish to make a complaint or request a review of our decision, you can request an Internal Review. Requests for Internal Review should be made in writing using the following contact information:

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If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. Generally, the ICO cannot make a decision unless you have exhausted the review/complaints procedure provided by the University. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF.

Kind regards

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