

From: Freedom of Information

Sent: 29 October 2020 16:09

To:

Subject: Freedom of Information Response (Our Ref: K/20/410)

Dear

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Thank you for your Freedom of Information (FOI) request dated 16 October 2020, reference K/20/410.

Your request read:

“...looking to conduct a research project analysing the demographic of applicants both applying to and being successful in gaining a university place to study dentistry in the UK. This is a nationwide project and we have contacted all UK dental schools to gather this data.

1) Number of applications received during the admission year
2018-2019 - 2019-2020 -

2) How are students selected for an interview? Please select as appropriate.
Situational judgement tests Aptitude tests, if so which -
BMAT/UCAT/GAMSAT

Achieved or predicted grades Work experience

Personal statements References

3) If aptitude tests are used please answer the following:
- Do you operate a cut off score - if yes, what is this score?

- What are the highest and lowest scores achieved by successful applicants?
2018-2019 - 2019-2020 -

4) How many candidates were invited for an interview?
2018-2019 - 2019-2020 -

5) What format of interviews is used to select candidates? e.g. MMI, traditional, selection centres, virtual interview, etc.

Who are the interviewers? e.g. patients, students, academic staff, clinical staff, etc.

6) How many offers were made to students?
2018-2019 - 2019-2020 -

7) How many offers were made to students in clearing?
2018-2019 - 2019-2020 -

8) What was the number of places available?
2018-2019 -

2019-2020 -

9) Have there been any changes in the admissions process due to COVID-19 and if so what have these been?"

The University of Leeds holds some of this information. For your convenience we have responded to each of your questions in turn below.

- 1. Number of applications received during the admission year**
 - a. 2018/19**
 - b. 2019/20**

In 2018/19, a total of 502 applications were received. In 2019/20, a total of 553 applications were received.

- 2. How are students selected for an interview?**
- 3. If aptitude tests are used please answer the following:**
 - a. Do you operate a cut off score**
 - i. if yes, what is this score?**

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.

- b. What are the highest and lowest scores achieved by successful applicants?**
 - i. 2018/19**
 - ii. 2019/20**

As above, we do not rely on the raw BMAT score for applicants, instead ranking candidates against one another. As such, we do not keep a record of individual scores.

- 4. How many candidates were invited for an interview?**
 - a. 2018/19**
 - b. 2019/20**

In 2018/19, a total of 243 candidates were interviewed. In 2019/20, 255 candidates were interviewed

- 5. What format of interviews is used to select candidates? e.g. MMI, traditional, selection centres, virtual interview, etc.**
 - a. Who are the interviewers? e.g. patients, students, academic staff, clinical staff, etc.**

A multiple mini interview format is used for Home/EU fee status students, and a remote/virtual panel interview is used for overseas students. Candidates are interviewed by a variety of people, including academic staff, clinical staff, practising and retired dentists, as well as simulated patients.

6. How many offers were made to students?

- a. 2018/19
- b. 2019/20

In 2018/19, a total of 91 offers were made. In 2019/20, a total of 76 offers were made.

7. How many offers were made to students in clearing?

- a. 2018/19
- b. 2019/20

We do not retain this information.

8. What was the number of places available?

- a. 2018/19
- b. 2019/20

The number of places we have available has been set by the General Dental Council as 72 for HOME/EU students, and 4 for Overseas students.

9. Have there been any changes in the admissions process due to COVID-19 and if so what have these been?

We have not made any changes to our admissions process. However, this remains under review and we may introduce changes in the future.

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

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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Kind regards

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