

From: Freedom of Information

Sent: 05 November 2020 16:21

To:

Subject: Freedom of Information Response (Our Ref: K/20/424)

Dear

Freedom of Information Response (Our Ref: K/20/424)

Thank you for your Freedom of Information (FOI) request dated 21 October 2020, reference K/20/424.

Your request read:

“It would be greatly appreciated if, under the Freedom Of Information Act, you could please provide answers to the following questions for your 2020, 2019 and 2018 intake of students for BDS Dentistry:

What was the average UCAT score of a candidate given an offer?

What was the average UCAT score of a candidate given an interview?

What were the HIGHEST and LOWEST UCAT score of a successful (enrolled) candidate?

What was the average GCSE profile of a successful student?

For successful (enrolled) candidates, what were their predicted A level grades?

Achieved A Level results: How many students were offered places based on Achieved A Level results (i.e. those on gap years)?

Deferred entries: How many deferred entries were made?

AS results: What was the average successful AS profile?

How many applications did you receive each year for the course?

How many interviews did you offer each year for the course?

How many offers did you give to home students?

How many offers did you give to international students?

How many International students did you accept without any pre A- Level qualifications (i.e. GCSE/IGCSE but only on the basis of their school transcripts, as for countries like Russia, China and Hong Kong, there are no pre-A level examinations)?

Will IGCSE be weighted the same way as GCSE since it is no longer regulated by OFQUAL from April 2020?"

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

- 1. What was the average UCAT score of a candidate given an offer?**
- 2. What was the average UCAT score of a candidate given an interview?**
- 3. What were the HIGHEST and LOWEST UCAT score of a successful (enrolled) candidate?**

We address these questions together. The University of Leeds requires applicants to take the BioMedical Admissions Test (BMAT), not the UCAT. As such we do not hold any information relevant to these questions. We do not retain raw BMAT scores and as such could not answer these questions even if they were to be reframed to request BMAT information.

- 4. What was the average GCSE profile of a successful student?**
- 5. For successful (enrolled) candidates, what were their predicted A level grades?**

We address these questions together. We do not retain information regarding the predicted or achieved GCSE or A-level grades of applicants. Please note that not all applicants take GCSE or A-level 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 A-level (or equivalent) grades will not progress through the applications process and as such there is no benefit to us retaining this information.

- 6. Achieved A Level results: How many students were offered places based on Achieved A Level results (i.e. those on gap years)?**

We do not keep a record of these numbers, as both achieved and predicted grades are acceptable.

- 7. Deferred entries: How many deferred entries were made?**

We do not keep a record of the number of applications for deferred entry we receive, as those applicants are considered alongside applicants for the next entry.

The total number of Unconditional Firm applicants deferred from the previous year (between 2018 and 2020) is seven.

- 8. AS results: What was the average successful AS profile?**

We do not retain information regarding the AS-Level grades of applicants. Please note that not all applicants take AS-Level 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 AS-Level (or equivalent)

grades will not progress through the applications process and as such there is no benefit to us retaining this information.

9. How many applications did you receive each year for the course?

In 2018, we received 460 applications to the A200 dentistry course. In 2019, we received 486 applications, and in 2020 we received 553

10. How many interviews did you offer each year for the course?

We do not hold information which sets out the numbers of interviews offered to applicants to the A200 dentistry course. The information we do hold for 2018 and 2019 sets out the number of interviews which took place across both the A200 dentistry course, and the A900 Dental Hygiene and Dental Therapy course. We are therefore unable to isolate the number of A200 interviews which took place in 2018 or 2019.

We can advise that 254 interviews for the A200 course took place in 2020.

11. How many offers did you give to home students?

12. How many offers did you give to international students?

The information we hold does not demonstrate the split in offers made to home or international students. However, we can provide the total number of offers made each year, as follows:

2018 – 118 offers

2019 – 115 offers

2020 – 121 offers

13. How many International students did you accept without any pre A-Level qualifications (i.e. GCSE/IGCSE but only on the basis of their school transcripts, as for countries like Russia, China and Hong Kong, there are no pre-A level examinations)?

All students applying for our programme are required to meet the minimum academic entry requirement for the programme. This can be done through a number of different qualifications.

We do not consider applicants who do not meet our minimum academic entry requirement.

14. Will IGCSE be weighted the same way as GCSE since it is no longer regulated by OFQUAL from April 2020?

No decision on this matter has yet been made.

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:

Post: Mr D Wardle
Deputy Secretary
The University of Leeds
Leeds
LS2 9JT

Email: foi@leeds.ac.uk

Requests for Internal Review should be submitted within 40 working days of receiving the University's response to your request. Further information about how the University manages Freedom of Information requests and about our complaints procedure is also available on our website (www.leeds.ac.uk).

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

Chloe Wilkins
Freedom of Information Officer

Secretariat
University of Leeds