Dear

Freedom of Information Response (Our Ref: K/20/225)

Thank you for your Freedom of Information (FOI) request dated 15 June 2020, reference K/20/225.

Your request read:

“Please release an excel sheet, summarising the average scores and average successful scores of applicants on BMAT test and 9s at GCSE for successful applicants for the past three cycles.

If averages are unavailable anonymised raw data with the columns '9s at GCSE', 'BMAT Score' and 'Successful/Unsuccessful' would be appreciated.”

The University of Leeds does not hold this information.

All of the scores used are converted across to our own scoring scheme which is used for shortlisting.

- The BMAT raw scores are used in the following manner: All scores from applicants to MBChB Leeds are put into a normal distribution curve. Those candidates who are in the highest 20% receive a score 5/5 and those who are in the lowest 20% receive a score of 1/5 and everything in between is scored according to where they are placed in this distribution.
- GSCEs are also converted across to a scoring system with GCSE (scoring including Maths, English and 2 sciences) A*/A = 2, B = 1, C = 0 or equivalent in the new GSCE marking scheme.

A ranking system is used to determine who is shortlisted to interview.

It may help to note that not all applicants will take GCSE qualifications before applying to university. International or mature students, for instance, may have equivalent qualifications or other qualifying experience. All of these applications are considered depending on the level 2 and level 3 qualifications that they have taken. Applicants who do not hold relevant or sufficiently strong GCSE grades will not progress through the initial triage and so will not be scored. Different grade boundaries are in place for widening participation and non-widening participation candidates.

As such, we do not retain the data for BMAT or GCSE scores of applicants in a manner to answer your question (either successful or unsuccessful).

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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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

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