Dear

Freedom of Information Response (Our Ref: K/20/237)


Your request read:

“Please may I request the following information for the 18/19 and 19/20 admissions cycles of applicants to the A101 Gateway to Medicine course:
   1) number of applicants
   2) number of applicants interviewed
   3) number of offers made
   4) average BMAT score of successful applicants
   5) lowest BMAT score of successful applicant”

The University of Leeds holds some of this information. The A101 Gateway to Medicine course has been introduced for the 2019/20 admissions cycle (i.e. 2020 entry) and as such we do not hold any information for the 2018/19 admissions cycle.

For the 2019/20 admissions cycle, there were 146 applicants. 56 applicants were interviewed, with 37 offers made.

The BMAT raw scores are typically 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.

Due to the very small numbers, we are withholding the raw BMAT scores under section 40(2) of the FOI Act. To reveal the average and lowest scores of average applicants would risk those on the course being able to calculate the BMAT scores of their peers. This would be unfair and as such would breach the data protection rights of the individuals. However, in the hope that it is helpful, we can advise that due to the very small pool of applications for this programme (this being its inaugural year) the BMAT scores were not used within the shortlisting process. Shortlisting was determined by whether they met the academic requirements and were from a widening participation background. The offers were made based solely on performance at interview. The average BMAT scores for a successful or unsuccessful candidate are therefore irrelevant within this year's process.

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.

Yours sincerely

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