Dear

Freedom of Information Response (Our Ref: K/20/508)

Thank you for your Freedom of Information (FOI) request dated 7 December 2020, reference K/20/508.

Your request read:

“I am writing to you with regards to the admission statistics for the undergraduate Dentistry course (A200).
Please provide the following information for the 2020 admission cycles:
1. Admission statistics for both Home/EU:
   * No. of applicants
   * No. of interviews
   * No. of offers made for 2020 entry

2. This year due to the use of centre assessed grades, I believe the university had honoured offers to candidates for 2021 entry who didn’t receive the grades they needed for 2020 entry. How many deferred offers were given out and how has this impacted the number of spaces on the course for 2021 entry?”

The University of Leeds holds some of this information.

In relation to your first question, we can provide the following information:

- Applications – 553
- Interviews – 255
- Offers – 76

In relation to your second question, we can advise that, due to the very competitive nature of the programme, and the strict regulation on places, the School of Dentistry were not able to honour offers for those candidates whose grades did not meet the condition of their offer. We have a responsibility to the candidate and to the teaching staff to only allow candidates to start their programme if they have shown they have a reasonable chance at succeeding with the levels of academic rigour. This applies regardless of the nature of the qualification used for entry.

We appreciate that some candidates felt their Centre Assessed Grades (CAGs) do not reflect their academic ability. However, we were obliged to consider CAGs as equivalent to ‘normal’ A-Levels, and an appeals process was put in place for unsatisfied candidates by the government. We also allow candidates one resit per subject without judgement.
We decided that candidates who did not receive grades – for example, those not affiliated to a school who therefore could not receive CAGs - would have their offer honoured. This is because those candidates did not have an opportunity to meet the requirements of their offer through any means.

Therefore, the effect on our available spaces for 2021 entry is very limited. Every year we have a small number of candidates who defer their offer, and between deferred place holders and those whose 2020 offer has been offered for 2021 there are a maximum of seven places reduced from our normal 72 places.

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  
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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

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