From: Freedom of Information  
Sent: 25 August 2021 15:28  
To:  
Subject: Freedom of Information Response (Our Ref: K/21/356)

Dear

**Freedom of Information Response (Our Ref: K/21/356)**

Thank you for your clarified Freedom of Information (FOI) request dated 3 August 2021, reference K/21/356.

As per our clarification of 4 August 2021, we understand your request to be for the following information:

“For UK/EU applicants please can you provide information in relation to A100 Medicine and A200 Dentistry for both 2020 and 2021 entry.

1) The number of applications
2) The number of applicants who were invited to interview
3) The number of offers made
4) The average BMAT of those given an Interview.
5) The median BMAT of those given an Interview
6) The lowest BMAT of those given an interview
7) The lowest BMAT of those given an interview that wasn't a contextual student
8) How many offers for [each] course for [that year's application cycle] were sent out to UK applicants?
9) How many offers for [each] courses for [deferred entry] were sent out to UK applicants?
10) What was the BMAT cutoff for [that year's application cycle] entry?
11) What was the average number of [GCSE] Grade 8/9 or A* of those that applied to Leeds?
12) What was the average number of [GCSE] Grade 8/9 or A* of those that were invited to interview at Leeds?
13) What was the average number of [GCSE] Grade 8/9 or A* that were given an offer at Leeds?

To clarify please can you only include GCSEs and A-Levels in your response.”

The University of Leeds holds some of this information.

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Please find this information set out in the table below. We have provided figures for students with ‘home’ status. For 2020 entry this *includes* EU students, and for 2021 entry *excludes* EU students. This is due to the change in fee status of EU students following the UK’s exit from the European Union.
Please note that we do not hold a record of the number of applicants who were invited to interview for medicine. The numbers in the table below therefore show the number of interviews which took place. For dentistry, we only hold the number of interviews which were carried out across the whole School of Dentistry; our records do not split this information according to the course which was applied for. As such, we are not able to provide the information you have requested for dentistry.

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4) The average BMAT of those given an Interview.
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We do not hold this information. Neither the School of Medicine nor the School of Dentistry retain the raw BMAT scores of applicants.

For medicine, 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 of 5/5. Candidates who are in the lowest 20% receive a score of 1/5. Candidates in between are then scored according to where they are placed in this distribution.

For dentistry, 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. 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.

As such, there is no benefit to either School retaining the raw scores once these exercises have been carried out.

8) How many offers for [each] course for [that year's application cycle] were sent out to UK applicants?
9) How many offers for [each] courses for [deferred entry] were sent out to UK applicants?

We do not hold this information for dentistry.
For medicine, we are not able to isolate applications or offers based on the students’ place of residence. We can advise that 12 people who requested deferral to 2021 from 2020 entry cycle were made an offer (for medicine), and eight people that requested deferral to 2022 from 2021 entry cycle were made an offer (for medicine).

10) What was the BMAT cutoff for [that year’s application cycle] entry?

As outlined above, we do not retain raw BMAT scores and as such are not able to answer this question.

11) What was the average number of [GCSE] Grade 8/9 or A* of those that applied to Leeds?
12) What was the average number of [GCSE] Grade 8/9 or A* of those that were invited to interview at Leeds?
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We do not hold this information. Applicants who do not hold relevant or sufficiently strong GCSE grades will not progress through the applications process and as such there is no benefit to us retaining this information.

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

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Yours sincerely

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