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Dear ██████████

**Request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (“the Act”)**

Further to your recent request for information held by King’s College London, I am writing to confirm that the requested information is held by the university.

**Your request**

We received your information request on 11<sup>th</sup> October 2022 and have treated it as a request for information made under section 1(1) of the Act.

You requested the following information:

- 1. How many seats are available for international applicants for A100 for 2023? I am looking for the number of seats for international applicants in A100 for 2023 intake.*
- 2. Where can I find your Admissions Statement for this course? By admission policy/ statement, I mean a detailed document that says how our applications are processed/ evaluated. Most colleges I am considering have shared their detailed policies where e.g. Edinburgh places 7.5% weight on SJT, while QMUL only uses UCAT:UCAS :: 50:50 for ranking applications. I just need more clarity about how A100 applications are assessed with UCAT, SJT, interview and academic scores.*

As an example, please find below an admission statement:

<http://www.bristol.ac.uk/study/media/undergraduate/admissions-statements/2023/medicine.pdf>

## Our response

1. *How many seats are available for international applicants for A100 for 2023? I am looking for the number of seats for international applicants in A100 for 2023 intake.*

Detailed admissions data such as seat numbers for applicants will be published on the KCL Admissions section of the College's public website within the near future as part of a wider annual admissions publication (please check for updates here: <https://www.kcl.ac.uk/aboutkings/orgstructure/ps/acservices/admissions/admissions>), it has therefore been withheld under Section 22 of the ('future publication').

Please note, although the University must hold the information at the time of the request with a view to its publication, this exemption does not require a set publication date to be in place.

As the College has now an established process for making the requested dataset available, it is not in the public interest to bypass this solely to comply with your request as this would require public resources to be diverted from other Admissions activities which benefit the public more; such as supporting current and prospective students through the application process.

On this occasion then the university finds the public interest favours withholding the information.

2. *Where can I find your Admissions Statement for this course?*

Information related to our programmes can be found on the online prospectus. In relation to the weighting of each part, information accurate as of the last cycle can be found below:

### Ranking

For A100, (of those that meet the entry requirements) applications received were ranked according to their UCAT score (average score and SJT band) compared to other applicants, with improvement given for GCSE results (number of A\*s) as well as an improvement on ranking if considered a Widening Participation applicant.

The UCAT point score was calculated by multiplying UCAT score percentile rank (compared to other KCL applicants in that cycle) by 100. Points were also assigned according to Situational Judgment Band; 10 points for Band 1, 5 for Band 2, and 0 for Bands 3 and 4. GCSE points were awarded according to the number of A\*s achieved at GCSE (subject is not considered). Less than 5 scored 0, 5 scored 10, 6 scored 20, 7 scored 30, 8+ scored 40.

Scores were adjusted according to the quintile for GCSE attainment of the school. If the school performance was one of the lowest two quintiles, then we also counted A grades achieved at GCSE towards the A\* count mentioned above. For schools in the 3rd quintile, each A grade was considered equivalent to 0.5 of an A\*. For schools in the top two quintiles, no adjustment was made. A variety of widening participation (WP) factors were

considered, for example participation in WP courses such as K+, Care Leaver status, POLAR scores and ACORN scores.

There were a total of 20 WP points available. Note that all applications with a WP indicator were reviewed before rejection.

### Interview

Interview scoring in the past has been as follows. There have been 7 stations. Each station is marked out of 10 for both content and communication skills except for 1 question which is marked for content only. Topics discussed include personal commitment and work experience, ethics, science and current affairs for example.

Mark sheets are used by interviewers at each station. The interviewer(s) at each station mark the score of an interviewee on a scale of 1-10 for both content and communication. Interviews will normally be Multiple Mini Interviews (MMIs). Interviewees circulate from one timed station to another and meet several interviewers who will ask structured questions and mark these independently.

This completes the university's response to your information request.

### **Your right to complain**

If you are unhappy with the service you have received in relation to your information request or feel that it has not been properly handled you have the right to complain or request a review of our decision by contacting the Director of Information Governance & Data Protection Officer within 60 days of the date of this letter.

Further information about our internal complaints procedure is available at the link below:  
[http://www.kcl.ac.uk/college/policyzone/assets/files/governance\\_and\\_legal/Freedom\\_of\\_Information\\_Policy\\_updated\\_Oct\\_%202011.pdf](http://www.kcl.ac.uk/college/policyzone/assets/files/governance_and_legal/Freedom_of_Information_Policy_updated_Oct_%202011.pdf)

In the event that you are not content with the outcome of your complaint you may apply to the Information Commissioner for a decision. Generally, the Information Commissioner cannot make a decision unless you have exhausted the internal complaints procedure provided by King's College London.

The Information Commissioner can be contacted at the following address:

The Information Commissioner's Office  
Wycliffe House  
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Yours sincerely,

  
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