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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 06 January 2020 and have treated it as a request for information made under section 1(1) of the Act.

You requested the following information:

I am evaluating the grading methods by medicals school. I would be grateful if you could me by answering the following questions, as a freedom of information request.

- 1. What classification do you use for the final medical degree awarded at graduation, ranked from highest to lowest (e.g honours, distinction, merit)?*
- 2. What percentage of medical students obtain each of these final degree classifications at graduation?*
- 3. What criteria are used to determine whether a student obtains each of these degree classifications?*
- 4. Are there any additional awards that students may achieve in years other than final year? (e.g distinction in surgery in third year, merit in fourth year).*
- 5. For each of these additional awards what percentage of medical students obtain them? (e.g 5% of third year students obtain a distinction in surgery in third year)*
- 6. For each of these additional awards what must a student do to obtain each of them?*

Our response

The following answers have been provided by Registry:

1. What classification do you use for the final medical degree awarded at graduation, ranked from highest to lowest (e.g honours, distinction, merit)?

The standard medical degree is an unclassified honours degree (IE. There is no 1st, 2:1, 2:2, 3rd). Students can then obtain distinctions in clinical science, clinical practice and in student selected components.

2. What percentage of medical students obtain each of these final degree classifications at graduation?

As outlined in my answer to question 1, there is no classifications to the honours degree, and there is no set number of students who can achieve distinctions.

3. What criteria are used to determine whether a student obtains each of these degree classifications?

As outlined in my answer to question 1, there is no classifications to the honours degree. The entire degree is competency based, and is calculated based upon a students mark in written examinations, Objective Structured Clinical Examinations (OSCE), and project work.

4. Are there any additional awards that students may achieve in years other than final year? (e.g distinction in surgery in third year, merit in fourth year).

As outlined in my answer to question 1, there are distinctions that students can achieve in clinical science, clinical practice and in student selected components.

5. For each of these additional awards what percentage of medical students obtain them? (e.g 5% of third year students obtain a distinction in surgery in third year)

There is no set limit to the number of students who can achieve distinctions in clinical science, clinical practice and in student selected components.

6. For each of these additional awards what must a student do to obtain each of them?

The distinctions are based on a students performance in written examinations, Objective Structured Clinical Examinations (OSCE), and project work.

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 Assistant Director

of Business Assurance (Information Compliance) 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

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:

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Yours sincerely

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