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Dear Ms Bichan,

Please find the following answers to your Official Information Act request of 22 January 2020 regarding admissions to Dentistry and Medicine at the University of Otago through the alternative category.

1. *How many people have been accepted in the alternative category for dentistry and medicine at Otago over the last 5 years?*

**Number of students who accepted an offer of place in the Alternative Category for Medicine and Dentistry 2016 -2020**

	<b>2016</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2020*</b>
<b>Medicine (MB ChB)</b>	22	14	21	21	Not yet confirmed
<b>Dentistry (BDS)</b>	4	3	2	0	Not yet confirmed

Note, enrolments for 2020 are still subject to change with students changing course. The 2020 figures will be finalized in April.

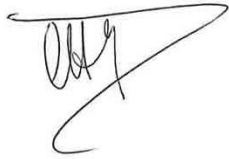
2. *What is the lowest GPA of those accepted in the alternative category for dentistry and medicine that do not qualify for a subcategory?*

The *Alternative* category is designed to create a pathway into Medicine and Dentistry for people from a diverse range of backgrounds and experience (for instance, they may have allied health professional experience). Therefore, comparative assessment of a GPA does not feature in the admission process in the same way it is used in the *First Year Health Sciences* and *Graduate* categories.

3. *What is the lowest GPA of those accepted in the alternative category for dentistry and medicine that are in the rural subcategory?*

As Above.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Claire Gallop', enclosed within a large, sweeping, handwritten flourish that extends to the right and then loops back down.

Claire Gallop  
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