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By email: fyi-request-12094-55b4d5c8@requests.fyi.org.nz

Dear Albert

I apologise for the delay in replying to your Official Information Act request regarding 2020 admissions to Dentistry and Medicine at the University of Otago through the Health Sciences First Year course. Please find below, responses to your questions.

1. *Number of first year general applicants to the BDS and MB ChB course in 2020*

	Applicants
Medicine (MB ChB)	323
Dentistry (BDS)	223

2. *Lowest average for successful first year applicants for Dentistry and Medicine (and their UCAT score if allowed)*
3. *Highest average for unsuccessful first year applicants for Medicine and Dentistry (and their UCAT score if allowed)*


	Lowest successful GPA	Highest unsuccessful GPA
Medicine (MB ChB)	66	72.71
Dentistry (BDS)	69.29	88

In considering these figures it should be recognised that the University operates a Mirror on Society Policy for certain subcategories of students – hence a successful GPA in one sub-category may be lower than an unsuccessful GPA in another sub-category or the general group. UCAT scores are withheld on privacy grounds pursuant to section 9(2)(a) of the Official Information Act. I advise of your right to seek review of this decision via complaint to an Ombudsman.

4. *Interview UCAT cut-off for HSFY applicants for Dentistry*

Verbal Reasoning 20th Percentile, Situational Judgement 10th percentile, Decision Making 57th percentile.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Claire Gallop', enclosed within a large, stylized, hand-drawn loop that forms a partial signature or flourish.

Claire Gallop
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