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Dear Joseph

We refer to your request under the Official Information Act dated 13 July 2021 in relation to entry scores for the Bachelor of Dental Surgery (BDS) and Medicine (MB ChB) programmes for Health Sciences First Year via the Refugee sub-category from 2015 – 2021. We respond to each of the parts of your information request below.

1. Number of 2021 refugee applicants for medicine and dentistry

The number of refugee sub-category applicants under the Health Sciences First Year category for the 2021 MB ChB programme is 23.

The number of refugee sub-category applicants under the Health Sciences First Year category for the 2021 BDS programme is 18.

2. Number of successful 2021 refugee applicants for medicine and dentistry

The number of refugee sub-category applicants under the Health Sciences First Year category to receive an offer for the 2021 MB ChB programme is 15. Of these students, 13 were admitted to the programme.

The number of refugee sub-category applicants under the Health Sciences First Year category to receive an offer for the 2021 BDS programme is 10. Of these students, 1 was admitted to the programme.

3. Threshold for entry into medicine and dentistry for refugees from 2015-2021

Please note that the refugee sub-category was only introduced from 2019 for 2020 entry onwards. The University only holds data for entry in 2020 and 2021. We therefore decline providing the information for 2015 – 2019 pursuant to section 18(e) of the Official Information Act on the basis that it does not exist.

Please find below a table of the minimum scores for entry into the BDS and MB ChB programmes in 2020 and 2021 for Health Sciences First Year via the refugee sub-category. Please note that for privacy reasons, the University's standard practice is not to report on numbers where those numbers are below 5. Where the numbers are very low, there is a risk that the grades of those

individuals can be determined/inferred. Accordingly, we withhold this information pursuant to section 9(2)(a) of the Official Information Act.

	2020	2021
<i>Minimum Score:</i>		
Medicine	W/H	77.14
Dentistry	W/H	W/H

4. What the UCAT cut-off was for 2021 refugee applicants for medicine and dentistry

The UCAT selection criteria for the MB ChB programme is set annually by the University's Medical Admissions Committee. For entry into the 2021 MB ChB programme, the Committee decided not to apply it to the refugee sub-category.

The UCAT selection criteria for the BDS programme is set annually by the University's Dental Admissions Committee. For entry into the 2021 BDS programme, the UCAT threshold was the same as for all BDS applicant categories. The UCAT threshold for admission into the BDS programme for 2021 used 3 sections of the UCAT test:

- Verbal Reasoning: 25 percentile and above met the threshold
- Decision Making: Score of 640 and above met the threshold
- Situational Judgement: Decile 1-9 met threshold

5. Will there be a UCAT threshold for refugee applicants for 2022 for medicine and dentistry

The University's Medical Admissions Committee does not meet until November to decide the UCAT thresholds for entry into the MB ChB programme. Therefore, the UCAT threshold for entry into the 2022 MB ChB programme has not been set yet.

The University's Dental Admissions Committee does not meet until mid-September to decide the UCAT thresholds for entry into the MB ChB programme. Therefore, the UCAT threshold for entry into the 2022 BDS programme has not been set yet.

We therefore decline providing this information pursuant to section 18(e) of the Official Information Act on the basis that it does not exist.

I trust that this information will be helpful.

We note your right to seek a review of these decisions via a complaint to an Ombudsman. However, we would welcome the opportunity to discuss any concerns with you first.

Yours sincerely



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