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Dear Rhys

I refer to your information request dated 19 March 2023 made under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act). You have requested the following information:

- “1. Lowest GPA for successful graduate applicants (excluding sub-categories) for Dentistry (and their UCAT score if allowed)*
- 2. Highest GPA for unsuccessful graduate applicants (excluding sub-categories) for Dentistry (and their UCAT score if allowed)*
- 3. Interview UCAT cut off for graduate applicants for Dentistry.*
- 4. Total number of graduate applications for BDS (excluding sub-categories)*
- 5. Total Number of successful graduate applicants for BDS (excluding sub-categories)”.*

Please see below the information you have requested:

1. Lowest GPA for successful Graduate applicants (excluding sub-categories) for Dentistry (and their UCAT score if allowed)

The minimum weighted GPA to receive an offer for entry to the 2022 BDS programme via the Graduate General category was 8.13, and in 2023 this was 8.63.

In relation to your request for “their UCAT scores if allowed”, an overall score is not part of the selection process. Instead, the minimum UCAT requirements to progress to the interview stage for entry to the BDS programme is by meeting the thresholds set by the Dental Admissions Committee. Anyone who has received an offer to enter the BDS programme has met both the UCAT and interview thresholds.

2. Highest GPA for unsuccessful Graduate applicants (excluding sub-categories) for Dentistry (and their UCAT score if allowed)

The highest weighted GPA to not receive an offer for entry to the 2022 BDS programme via the Graduate General category who met both the UCAT and interview thresholds was 8.11, and in 2023 this was 8.38.

As noted above, UCAT is a threshold measure. Students must meet the UCAT thresholds set by the Dental Admissions Committee (as well as any other requirements as determined by the Dental Admissions Committee, set out in the [Guidelines for Admission](#)) in order to be considered for

admission to the BDS programme. The minimum UCAT thresholds set for entry to the 2022 and 2023 BDS programmes are noted below.

3. Interview UCAT cut-off for Graduate applicants for Dentistry

To be considered for an interview, an applicant must have met the UCAT thresholds set annually by the Dental Admissions Committee, as follows:

2022:

- Decision Making: score of 630 or above met the threshold.
- Verbal Reasoning: threshold set at the bottom 22nd percentile (scores in the top 78% met the threshold).
- Scores for Situational Judgement, Quantitative Reasoning and Abstract Reasoning were not considered.

2023:

- Decision Making: score of 630 or above met the threshold.
- Verbal Reasoning: threshold set at the bottom 22nd percentile (scores in the top 78% met the threshold).
- Scores for Situational Judgement, Quantitative Reasoning and Abstract Reasoning were not considered.

4. Total number of graduate applications for BDS (excluding sub-categories)

The total number of applications via the Graduate General category for the Bachelor of Dental Surgery (BDS) programme (excluding sub-categories) in 2022 was 117 and in 2023 this was 150.

5. Total Number of successful graduate applicants for BDS (excluding sub-categories)

The total number of successful applicants via the Graduate General category for the Bachelor of Dental Surgery (BDS) programme (excluding sub-categories) in 2022 was 13 and in 2023 this was 16.

I trust that this information will be helpful.

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