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Freedom of Information Officer

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Ref: FOI/January 2019/ Greg Ritchie

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Dear Mr Ritchie

Your request for information received on 10 January 2019 has been dealt with under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

You asked:

I'd like to make a Freedom of Information request for the following. In each of these enquiries, I am requesting data for each individual admissions cycle and not for data from the three admissions cycles added together.

- 1. In each of the last three admissions cycles for which data is available, how many UK applicants failed to meet the conditions of their conditional offers?**
- 2. Of the UK applicants who failed to meet their conditional offers, how many were independent school applicants and how many were state school applicants?**
- 3. Of the UK applicants who failed to meet their conditional offers, how many were students from ACORN categories 4 and 5?**
- 4. Of the UK applicants who failed to meet their conditional offers, how many were students from POLAR quintiles 1 and 2?**
  
- 5. How many applicants who failed to meet the conditions of their offer were allowed to still take up their places over each of the last three admissions cycles for which data is available? Could this please be expressed both as a raw number and as a percentage of the total answer to Q1.**
- 6. Of the UK applicants who failed to meet the conditions of their offer but still took up their places, how many were independent school applicants and how many were state school applicants?**
- 7. Of the UK applicants who failed to meet the conditions of their offer but still took up their places, how many were students from ACORN categories 4 and 5?**
- 8. Of the UK applicants who failed to meet the conditions of their offer but still took up their places, how many were students from POLAR quintiles 1 and 2?**

**9. The total number of unconditional offers given to undergraduate applicants for each of the last three admissions cycles, expressed both as a raw number and as a percentage of the total number of offers given out in that admission cycle?**

**10. The total number of conditional offers given to undergraduate applicants for each of the last three admissions cycles, expressed both as a raw number and as a percentage of the total number of offers given out in that admission cycle?**

### **University Response**

The University does not use ACORN measurements at all within our Admissions process so we do not hold this information. Similarly we do not record the POLAR quintiles against the applicant record so we do not hold this information either.

For the questions excluding 9-10 We are writing to advise you that it has been necessary to refuse this part of the request under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA).

We estimate that compliance with your request would exceed the appropriate costs limit established by section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000; this is currently set at £450 (or 18 hours work) by virtue of the [1] Freedom of Information and Data Protection (Appropriate Limit and Fees) Regulations 2004. In order to determine whether an applicant meet the conditions of their offer we would need to review each record individually and the University makes circa 14,500 offers per cycle. Our estimate has considered the time it would take to retrieve and extract the information you have requested. We estimate this process would take longer than 18 hours to complete.

For question 9-10 This information is exempt from disclosure under s21 of the Freedom of Information Act, Information Reasonably Accessible by Other Means. This information is available through the UCAS website <https://www.ucas.com/data-and-analysis>

I trust this satisfies your request sufficiently. Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, you have the right to complain about the University's response to your request for information. If you have such a complaint, you may contact Mr David Maplas, Director of Student Affairs, Middlesex University, Hendon campus, London NW4 4BT, tel: 020 8411 5830, [d.malpas@mdx.ac.uk](mailto:d.malpas@mdx.ac.uk) within 40 days of the date of this letter for a review of the University's decision. If you remain unsatisfied with the outcome of that complaint, you may seek further recourse by lodging an appeal with the Information Commissioner.

Yours sincerely

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