



Ein cyf/Our ref ATISN 11671

24 November 2017

Dear _____,

Request for Information – reference ATISN 11671

Thank you for your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) which I received on 27 October.

You asked for the following information for the last three intake years:

- a) Total no of applicants for undergraduate medical places for the medical schools in Wales.
- b) Total no of applicants (or proportion of total for a) which came from schools/colleges in Wales.
- c) Total no of applicants for undergraduate medical places for the medical schools in Wales which were accepted for a place.
- d) Total no of applicants for undergraduate medical places for the medical schools in Wales which came from schools/colleges in Wales and which were accepted for a place.

The Welsh Government holds some of the information of this description and it is enclosed at Annex A of this letter.

Information on applications and acceptances to Welsh universities is already publicly available and is regarded as exempt from release under s21 of the Freedom of Information Act - Information reasonably accessible to the applicant by other means. This exemption is absolute and thus not subject to the public interest test.

The information is available via UCAS <https://www.ucas.com/corporate/data-and-analysis>, however this may not be available at the level of detail requested. The following links will take you to the most relevant information:



Grŵp Iechyd a Gwasanaethau Cymdeithasol
• Health and Social Services Group
Parc Cathays • Cathays Park
Caerdydd • Cardiff • CF10 3NQ

E-bost • E-mail:
Ffôn • Tel:

Rydym yn croesawu derbyn gohebiaeth yn Gymraeg. Byddwn yn ateb gohebiaeth a dderbynnir yn Gymraeg yn Gymraeg ac ni fydd gohebu yn Gymraeg yn arwain at oedi.

We welcome receiving correspondence in Welsh. Any correspondence received in Welsh will be answered in Welsh and corresponding in Welsh will not lead to a delay in responding.

UCAS – Provider acceptances information

UCAS – Subject acceptances by country of domicile

UCAS – Most recent applications for Medicine by country of domicile

If you are dissatisfied with the Welsh Government's handling of your request, you can ask for an internal review within 40 working days of the date of this response. Requests for an internal review should be addressed to the Welsh Government's Freedom of Information Officer at:

Information Rights Unit,
Welsh Government,
Cathays Park,
Cardiff,
CF10 3NQ

or email: FreedomOfInformationOfficer@wales.gsi.gov.uk

Please remember to quote the ATISN reference number above.

You also have the right to complain to the Information Commissioner. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office,

Wycliffe House,
Water Lane,
Wilmslow,
Cheshire,
SK9 5AF.

However, please note that the Commissioner will not normally investigate a complaint until it has been through our own internal review process.

Yours sincerely

Annex A

Freedom of information request

We do not hold a complete set of the data requested relating to the number of applications and acceptances for medicine at Cardiff and Swansea medical schools. However, we do hold some of the information requested, which has been provided to Welsh Government by staff at Cardiff and Swansea medical schools. This is as follows:

Cardiff Medical School

For the 2017/18 intake, the total number of applications to Cardiff Medical School was 2101, of which 288 were Welsh domiciled (213 were interviewed and 130 offered place). 74% Welsh applicants were interviewed, with 61% of those interviewed offered a place.

In 2016/17 10.8% of applicants were Welsh Domiciled; 14% of which were interviewed with 24% receiving an offer.

In 2015/16 14% of applicants were Welsh Domiciled; 18.4% of which were interviewed; with 20% receiving an offer. The acceptance rate was 71%.

Swansea Medical School

For the 2017/18 intake, the number of applications to Swansea Medical School was 781, of which 120 (15.4%) were Welsh domiciled. Of these 120 Welsh domiciled applicants 47 (16.8% of total number) were offered an interview.

In 2015/16 17% of applicants were Welsh Domiciled; 17% interviewed; with 17% receiving an offer.

In terms of the information provided about Welsh domiciled enrolments / applications, the information provided is based upon individuals living in Wales at the time of application, we do not hold information about whether these individuals attended Welsh schools or colleges.

The medical schools have also provided the following information on first year enrolments for 2015-16 and 2016-17:

Medical School	No. of students enrolled		No. of students enrolled from Wales	
	2015-16	2016-17	2015-16	2016-17
Cardiff	312	294	61	74
Swansea	75	71	13	16
Total for Wales	387	365	74	90