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Dear Mr Brooke,

Following are the responses to your questions relating to admission and selection to the Bachelor of Dental Surgery programme at the University of Otago.

1. How many students are enrolled in the Health Sciences First Year (HSFY) programme?

*1119 as at 12/8/16*

2. How many of these HSFY students apply for the Bachelor of Dental Surgery (BDS) programme?

*410 applicants in the 2017 Admission round*

3. How many of these HSFY applicants are made offers to the Bachelor of Dental Surgery (BDS) programme?

*120 offers made for 70 places (domestic and international)*

4. I understand that selection are based on HSFY grades, UMAT score and Interview. Please provide the details of selection process and policy.

*Refer to the Guidelines for Admission:*

*<http://www.otago.ac.nz/healthsciences/students/professional/dentistry/index.html#hsfy-category>*

5. For selection, is there a weighting applied to the HSFY grades, UMAT score and Interview? Please describe the weighting and how is this weighting used for selection?

*No. Final selection of applicants is based on an applicant's average mark in Health Sciences First Year papers. Further information is available in the programme regulations: <http://www.otago.ac.nz/courses/qualifications/bds.html>*

6. Is there a cut-off score for UMAT?

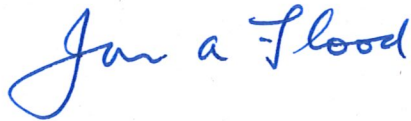
*Yes, there is a threshold set annually.*

7. Please provide a spreadsheet listing the applicants (anonymise), HSFY grades, UMAT score, interview scores and offered a place or not.

*Due to the small number of available places in the Bachelor of Dentistry programme, this information is being withheld in order to guarantee the privacy of individual students.*

I note your entitlement to have this response reviewed by an Ombudsman.

Yours sincerely



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Registrar & Secretary to the Council