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A101 MBChB Widening Participation Criteria Form

Thank you for your application to study medicine at the University of Sheffield Medical School on our 4-year graduate entry programme. To be eligible for consideration for this programme, applicants **MUST** be eligible for Home Fees status and **MUST** demonstrate that they meet at least **TWO** of our widening participation criteria.

See the attached guidance notes to help you complete this form.

Please complete all parts of this form, and return it to n.l.harrison@sheffield.ac.uk within one week if possible so that we can process your application as soon as possible. ***We must receive this completed form from you no later than 5pm on Friday 31st October 2020 in order to be able to process your application.***

Part A – Personal details

These details should match the information on your UCAS application.

UCAS Personal ID ¹	
First name	
Last name	
Date of Birth	
When did you complete your A-Levels (or equivalent studies)? ²	
Address during your final year of A-Level (or equivalent) studies	Postcode:

Part B – Widening participation criteria

Please indicate with a ✓ **any** or **all** of the criteria that applied to you at the point you completed your A-Levels (or equivalent studies) . We will require you to provide whatever evidence you can to support your widening participation status (or an explanation of why this cannot be provided) at the point of registration if you join the programme.

Widening Participation Criterion	✓ if this applies to you
I lived in an area with a low progression to higher education. ³	
I lived in a deprived area. ⁴	
I received free school meals in years 10-13. ⁵	
I received a 16-19 bursary or similar grant. ⁶	
I lived in Local Authority Care during my secondary education. ⁷	
I was a young carer. ⁸	
I was estranged from my parents or legal guardians during my secondary education. ⁹	
My parents or legal guardians do not have any Higher Education qualifications (obtained either in the UK or abroad). ¹⁰	
My parents were unemployed or working in unskilled jobs. (NS-SEC bands 4-8). ¹¹ Please state the occupations of your parents: Father: Mother:	
I have a disability that has been declared on my UCAS application form. ¹²	

Part C – Declaration

I confirm that the information given on this form is true, complete and accurate. I understand that a false declaration may result in any offer of a place being withdrawn.

Signed: _____

Date: _____

Guidance notes

The following guidance notes are provided to help you complete this form.

Guidance note	Explanation
1	This is your ten-digit UCAS identification number, which you can find via your UCAS Track account or from your UCAS application form.
2	Please state the year in which you completed your secondary education. This is the year in which you completed your A-Levels, International Baccalaureate or similar qualification before going to University to read your first degree.
3	We will consider you to have come from an area with low progression to higher education if, in the year you completed your A-Levels (or equivalent qualifications), you lived in an area that is classified as Quintile 1 (the lowest quintile) in POLAR3 or POLAR4. <i>This can be checked by using the link below and putting your postcode into the Office for Students postcode checker. The POLAR3 and POLAR4 classifications give five quintile groups of areas ordered from '1' to '5'. We will consider you to meet this category if your postcode at the time you completed your A-Levels (or equivalent qualifications) is in POLAR3 quintile 1 or POLAR4 quintile 1.</i> (https://www.officeforstudents.org.uk/data-and-analysis/postcode-search/).
4	We will consider you to have lived in a deprived area if, in the year you completed your A-Levels (or equivalent qualifications), you lived in an area with an Indices of Multiple Deprivation rank of up to and including 13,500. <i>This can be checked by using the link below and putting your postcode into the postcode checker.</i> (http://imd-by-postcode.opendatacommunities.org/)
5	You should tick this box if you received free school meals at any point during your GCSE or A-Level studies.
6	You should tick this box if you were in receipt of a 16-19 Bursary Fund or Discretionary Learner Support with income threshold of £25,000 or below.
7	You should tick this box if you lived in local authority care at any time during your secondary education.

Guidance note	Explanation
8	We will consider you to meet this criterion if you had a significant caring responsibility for a family member during your GCSE and/or A-Level studies. A carer is someone who looks after someone on an unpaid basis who cannot manage on their own. This might be because they have a long term physical or mental illness, a disability, are getting older or are dependent on drugs or alcohol. A carer can be any age and includes parents looking after a disabled child. Please attach details explaining your responsibilities.
9	We will consider you to meet this qualification if you were estranged from your parents or legal guardians during your A Level studies. You are still eligible for this criterion if you have subsequently reconciled with your parents/legal guardians.
10	<p>You are eligible for this criterion if your parents or legal guardians had not successfully completed a higher education course by the time you completed your A-Level (or equivalent) studies. This criterion is not affected by parents (or legal guardians) of applicants that have started but not completed a higher education course, studied for Open University degrees or undertaken higher education courses during the applicant's secondary education.</p> <p>Applicants with siblings who have completed a higher education course or who are presently going through higher education are still eligible for this criterion (as long as their parents have not undertaken a higher education course). This criterion is also not affected by family members outside of the immediate family such as grandparents, cousins, uncles and aunts.</p> <p>Higher education courses include undergraduate and master's degree courses, usually undertaken at university either in the UK or overseas.</p>
11	We will determine whether you meet this criterion by considering the occupation(s) of your parents. Our determination will be made on the main earner's occupation using the NS-SEC Occupation Coding Tool, which can be found online at: https://onsdigital.github.io/dp-classification-tools/standard-occupational-classification/ONS_SOC_occupation_coding_tool.html . We use the simplified NS-SEC analytic class. We do not consider the simplified NS-SEC operational category.
12	We will consider you to meet this criterion if you have a disability that has been declared on your UCAS application.