

S84: unconditional offers

University of Sunderland's perspective on unconditional offers:

During the 2018 cycle, the University of Sunderland made unconditional offers to students predicted to achieve AAB or higher at A level, or from equivalent qualifications.

The university also converted a number of conditional offer holders to unconditional during June 2018.

For many programmes at Sunderland, exam grades are not the only criterion for entry, so the university's decision to offer more unconditional places was done on a course-by-course basis, and not through a blanket approach to all subjects.

In order to ensure that applicants did not ease off in revising for exams and assessments, the large majority of unconditional offers were made during June. Students responded swiftly and positively to receiving an unconditional offer.

Having compared attainment data with the same constituent group of applicants holding a conditional offer in 2016, there is no evidence to suggest that the increased number of unconditional offers in 2018 had a detrimental impact on pre-entry attainment for this group.

Definitions of offer types:

Unconditional offer

This is an offer made by a provider where they are satisfied that an individual has demonstrated sufficient attainment and potential to succeed on their chosen programme. Based on the offer status at the 30 June application deadline.

Conditional unconditional offer

An offer made by a provider which was originally conditional, but becomes unconditional if the applicant selects that offer as their firm (first) choice. By definition, conditional unconditional offers that are selected as a firm choice by the applicant become unconditional and are also included in the unconditional offers group (see above).

Offer with an unconditional component

All offers showing as having an element of unconditional offer-making, that is, unconditional offers plus conditional unconditional offers that have not been selected as firm (and hence remain conditional unconditional).

All offers

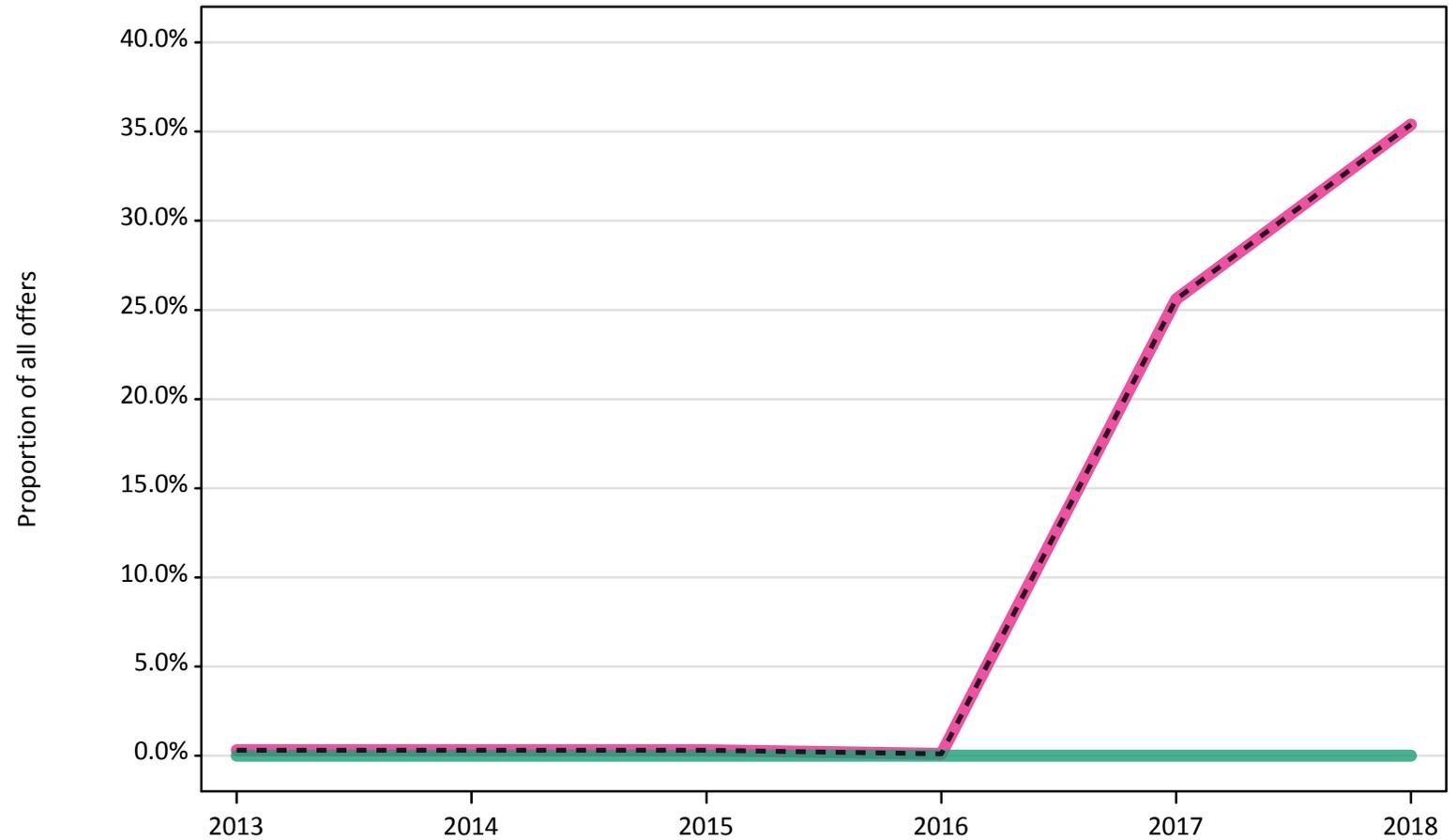
All offers made by the provider, subject to the coverage of this report. This includes conditional as well as unconditional offers to 18-year-old main scheme applicants domiciled in England, Northern Ireland, and Wales.

Technical note:

The coverage of this report is limited to offers made by 30 June, to 18-year-old main scheme applicants domiciled in England, Northern Ireland, and Wales. This is because these applicants are least likely to apply already having achieved a full set of qualifications typically required for undergraduate higher education.

A.1 Proportion of all offers that are unconditional, by cycle year

- Unconditional offers
- Conditional unconditional offers
- Offers with unconditional component



A.2 Unconditional offers by cycle year

	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Unconditional offers	15	15	10	5	820	980
Conditional unconditional offers	0	0	0	0	0	0
Offers with unconditional component	15	15	10	5	820	980
All offers (conditional and unconditional)	5,425	4,600	4,300	3,370	3,210	2,770

A.3 Proportion of all offers that are unconditional, by cycle year

	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Unconditional offers	0.3%	0.3%	0.3%	0.1%	25.6%	35.4%
Conditional unconditional offers	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Offers with unconditional component	0.3%	0.3%	0.3%	0.1%	25.6%	35.4%

Note: Percentage values are not printed in the above table if the total rounded number of offers for that year is below 100.