



## RE: EXTERNAL: FOI request

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To: Freedom of Information requests <foia@coventry.ac.uk>

16 February 2023 at 16:50

Dear [REDACTED]

REF: FOIA1983

Please find below the responses to the Freedom of Information request you made to Coventry University.

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### Request:

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This FOI request relates to the university's Confucius Institute, in particular to the roles at the Confucius Institute for which individuals are recruited in China (if I understand correctly, that is the Chinese language teachers, and the 'Chinese co-director').

- Are these university roles?

No.

- Are the rights and privileges of university staff attached to these roles?

They are given Non-payroll status, which entails access to a university email account and access to the library and photocopying services.

- Are those who occupy these roles staff of the university?

No.

- Are these individuals employed by the university?

No.

- Please share any documentation that answers these questions or otherwise defines the legal status of these roles and those who occupy them.

Please find the attached document.

- Please state whether the university has received legal advice about the legal status of these roles and those who occupy them.

No

If you have any queries or concerns regarding this matter then please do not hesitate to contact me via [foia@coventry.ac.uk](mailto:foia@coventry.ac.uk), however please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

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Kind regards,

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