

Dear [REDACTED]

Our Reference: FOI222314371

In relation to your recent request, I can confirm this has now been processed in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000. Please find response details below:

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?**
The CI staff can access EHU services HR, IT systems, library, photocopying, accommodation
- **Are those who occupy these roles staff of the university?** *No, the individuals are linked to Chongqing Normal University and sponsored through an approved government authorised exchange scheme. The Centre for Language Education and Cooperation, UK.*
- **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.** *See attached documents. Some parts of the documents have been redacted in order to protect third party data in line with data protection principles.*

The gov.uk page about approved government authorised exchange schemes [notes](#) - "The scheme is part of the Centre for Language Education and Cooperation's global exchange programme through which it sponsors volunteer and professional Mandarin teachers to undertake placements at Confucius institutes and classrooms in the UK, and at institutions in the UK which are covered by China-UK's teaching exchange programme. It is also used to sponsor co-directors to manage the programme in the UK and undertake some language teaching if needed. These roles are not filling vacancies. The scheme aims to build and/or enhance foreign language skills and foster good cultural relations between the UK and China."

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

We have not located any documentation which notes the University has received legal advice but cannot rule out that this may have previously occurred by a party within the University.

For internal awareness, and for due diligence purposes, Staff recruitment request individuals provide a sharecode to the University to confirm the right to work status of those associated with EHU's confusions institute. This confirms their status of sponsorship by the UK approved sponsor for the length of association with the University in relation to activities of the government authorised exchange scheme.

We trust that this information fully answers your request, however if you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to ask for an internal review, quoting the above reference number in all communications. Internal review requests should be submitted within two months of the date of receipt of the response to your original letter and should be addressed to: Dr C Hutchinson-Howorth, Director of Strategic Planning at the University.

If you are not content with the outcome of your review, you may apply directly to the Information Commissioner requesting he review our decision. You must submit your complaint in writing to the Commissioner within six months of receiving the response to review letter. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: The Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF.

Kind Regards



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