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Email Response

Date: 03/02/2023

Request Ref: 2799

Dear [REDACTED],

Thank you for your request for information, received at this office on **23/01/2023** in which you requested details of the following:

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? Are the rights and privileges of university staff attached to these roles? Are those who occupy these roles staff of the university? Are these individuals employed by the university? Please share any documentation that answers these questions or otherwise defines the legal status of these roles and those who occupy them.*
- *Please state whether the university has received legal advice about the legal status of these roles and those who occupy them.*

The Freedom of Information Act requires that this request is dealt with in a manner that is motive and applicant blind. A disclosure under this legislation is considered a disclosure to the world and is considered to be on the basis that it is in the public interest.

Response

1) The University does not employ any of the staff within the Confucius Institute. Confucius Institute employees are recruited to and employed by Tianjin Normal University, which is the partner for the Confucius Institute. Although not employed by University, we do provide office space, and provide them with University email addresses so that they can access the essential services for their work.

2) No information held.

If you are unhappy with how your request has been handled you have the right to ask for an internal review (within 40 days from receiving response). To request a review, please email dataprotection@hull.ac.uk. The review will be conducted by the Data Protection Officer or University Secretary.

Should you remain dissatisfied following an internal review you may then appeal to the Information Commissioners Office at www.ico.org.uk or Tel 0303 123 1113.

Yours sincerely,

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