



FOI request2 messages

[REDACTED]
To: glpd.info.rights@lse.ac.uk

8 February 2023 at 12:27

Dear sir/madam,

My name is [REDACTED] and I would like to make an FOI request about the university's Confucius Institute.

First, I should provide some context. I am in possession of the majority of the legal documentation governing the UK's 30 Confucius Institutes, that is, agreements between the relevant British universities and Chinese entities.

One common theme in these agreements is a clause seeming to demand that staff from the People's Republic of China (PRC) who work at the Confucius Institutes in the UK should 'follow Chinese law' whilst on British soil, or that the Institute's activities (as carried out by staff) should not contravene Chinese law.

Recently, some students at Newcastle University sent an FOI request to their university asking whether staff from the PRC have indeed to follow Chinese law on campus. Newcastle's response was to state unequivocally that "Chinese staff in the UK must still abide by Chinese law as well as UK law."

My FOI request is as follows:

Do the staff from the PRC at the University's Confucius Institute have to abide by Chinese law on campus? Has the University entered into agreements that demand as much?

Thank you and best wishes,

[REDACTED]

GLPD.Info.Rights <GLPD.Info.Rights@lse.ac.uk>

9 March 2023 at 11:01

To: [REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED]

Further to your recent FOI request, the Schools response is provided below:

Do the staff from the PRC at the University's Confucius Institute have to abide by Chinese law on campus? Has the University entered into agreements that demand as much?

No. CIBL staff in the UK work inside of LSE rules (LSE Ethics Code) and UK law. This is clear in our

agreement under Article 5 sections 1 and 5.

If you think that the information provided does not meet your request, contact Rachael Maguire at GLPD.Info.Rights@lse.ac.uk or write to Louise Nadal, School Secretary, London School of Economics and Political Science, Houghton Street, London, WC2A 2AE. We will then review the response to your request and get back to you within 20 working days. You can also contact the Information Commissioner's Office <http://www.ico.gov.uk/>, though they expect the internal review to be carried out before receiving a complaint directly.

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Best Wishes,

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