



FOi Request

1 message

21 February 2023 at 12:14

To: [REDACTED]
Cc: FOi Requests <foi@uwtsd.ac.uk>

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your freedom of information request (beneath in red narrative) received by this office on 8th February 2023. Our responses are in black narrative below:

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:

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

Answers

- a. *No*
- b. *No*

You may request a review of the information contained within this freedom of information response from my colleague [REDACTED]. If you remain dissatisfied following the review you may appeal to the Information Commissioner at ico.org.uk. Alternatively, you may write to the ICO at:

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Information Commissioner's Office

Wycliffe House

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Yours sincerely,

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