

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your request for information received by The University of Manchester on 10 July 2023 which was as follows:

***Please provide all documentation the university holds about the Chinese Students and Scholars Association (CSSA). This is a student group at your university that is controlled by the Chinese embassy.***

The University has now considered your request and I can advise that this association comes under the remit of the Students Union. They are a separate legal entity to The University of Manchester and they do not come under our jurisdiction in relation to our responsibilities under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. We therefore do not hold the information requested.

If you feel that The University of Manchester has refused access to information to which you are entitled, or has not dealt with your request appropriately under the FOIA, you have a right of appeal.

An appeal in the first instance should be directed to the Information Governance Office at [mtrsfoia@manchester.ac.uk](mailto:mtrsfoia@manchester.ac.uk). You should include:

- details of your initial request
- any other relevant information

You must make this appeal within 40 working days from receipt of your response. We will not accept appeals received after this date, as per the Freedom of Information Code of Practice, Section 5.3.

The University will deal with your appeal within a reasonable time, and will inform you of the projected time scale on receipt of your complaint. You are also welcome to contact the Information Governance Office with informal questions about the handling of your request.

After The University's internal appeals procedure has been exhausted, you have a further right of appeal to the Information Commissioner's Office. Details of this procedure can be found at [www.ico.org.uk](http://www.ico.org.uk).

Kind regards