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OUR REFERENCE: FOI/RFI-3894 [REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED]

Your request received on 15th July 2023 has now been considered. The response to your request is as follows:

Please provide a list of all financial interactions between the university and its subsidiary institutions and the Chinese Students and Scholars Association (CSSA).

Information not held.

Student societies are the sole responsibility of Northumbria Students Union (NSU) which is a separate legal entity to the University. As a private organisation, NSU is not a Public Authority subject to the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA). Therefore, any information held by NSU is not the property of the University and it is not considered "held on behalf of" the University. Any financial interactions between NSU and the CSSA fall outside the scope of the University as they are considered a private organisation and are therefore not covered by the FOIA.

Although not responsible for University Societies, we have undertaken a search of our own finance systems for any reference to the CSSA (that would fall under the scope of FOI) but we can confirm that the University has had no financial interactions with the CSSA.

If you are unhappy with our response or the way your request has been handled, you have the right to ask for an internal review. To request a review, please contact the Records and Information Manager, in writing at the above address or via email. The review would be undertaken by Jay Wilson, the University's Head of Legal.

Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

Should you remain dissatisfied following an internal review, you may then appeal to the Information Commissioner at www.ico.org.uk

Yours sincerely

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