

## Freedom of Information Request to Teesside University

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Response sent: 27 July 2023

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Dear requestor

Further to its recent acknowledgement, the University is now in a position to provide you with a response to your request for information.

We have dealt with your request in accordance with your “right to know” under section 1(1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (subsequently referred to as FOIA 2000) which entitles you to be provided with information “held” by a public authority, unless an appropriate exemption applies.

Please find below the University’s response to your request.

### Request

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

### Response

Societies are facilitated by Teesside University Students’ Union which are a separate legal entity. This information is therefore not held by Teesside University.

This concludes the University’s response to your request. Should you feel dissatisfied with this response or the way in which your request was handled you can request an Internal Review. This should be made in writing within 40 working days of the date of this response. Please provide the reference number of your request, information on why you are dissatisfied and any detail you would like us to consider as part of the Internal Review process.

If you remain dissatisfied following the outcome of your complaint, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for consideration. The Information

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Detailed information about the University's process in relation to Appeals and Complaints can be found [here](#).

Kind regards  
Information Governance Team