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## FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST

Thank you for your request for information received on 25 February 2024 about UWE College of Hainan Medical University.

The University's response is provided below.

**This is a Freedom of Information request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. Please provide the following information:**

- **From 2015 to 2023, the numbers of University of the West of England degrees (including all Bachelor and Master) conferred every year at the UWE College of Hainan Medical University. Please provide this information in aggregated numbers by different programmes.**

UWE Bristol has only had an active partnership at Hainan Medical University since 2023 and no students have yet had degrees conferred as a result of this partnership.

- **Lists of education programmes, research projects, and research grants that are currently operational at UWE College of Hainan Medical University, either participated by UWE College of Hainan Medical University students and staff or sponsored by the UWE College of Hainan Medical University and the University of the West of England.**

The University operates six programmes (3 at PG level and 3 at UG level) at the college and all are in health-related areas. There has been no specific research funding for this project.

- **University of the West of England policies and governance structure which oversee the operations, including student experience and research, at the UWE College of Hainan Medical University. Please provide relevant policy documents and/or relevant administrative staff role specifications where applicable.**

The governance of Hainan Medical University is not a matter for UWE Bristol and working committees in relation the project are outlined in the Joint Institute agreement with the Ministry of Education. The University holds the requested information. After careful consideration, the University has concluded that the information held should be withheld as it is commercially sensitive. The information may be of use to competitors and would be likely to prejudice the University's business operations. It is therefore being withheld under section 43(2) of the Freedom of Information Act. In consideration of the arguments for disclosing or

withholding the information, the finding was that public interest in withholding the information outweighed the public interest in releasing the information.

- **From 2015 to 2023, donations, grants, and research fundings received by the University of the West of England and its affiliated entities from the Hainan Medical University and/or any affiliated individuals, companies, or relevant Chinese official agencies.**

The University has not received grants or research funding from Hainan Medical University other than the fee structure outlined in the academic agreement. The University has concluded that the information held should be withheld as it is commercially sensitive. The information may be of use to competitors and would be likely to prejudice the University's business operations. It is therefore being withheld under section 43(2) of the Freedom of Information Act. In consideration of the arguments for disclosing or withholding the information, the finding was that public interest in withholding the information outweighed the public interest in releasing the information.

If you are dissatisfied with the way in which your request has been handled, you may request an internal review and should contact me again in the first instance.

If you then believe that your request has not been dealt with properly, you may apply to the Information Commissioner for a decision at: The Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire SK9 5AF.

Yours sincerely

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