

Dear Mr Lubbock

Thank you for raising this complaint.

Upon further review of your request, the College has decided to disclose in full the information it holds. Please see responses below under a summary of your previous requests:

1. I would like to request the details I asked for of your two SLA agreements signed with BGI Genomics - a summary of the nature and purpose of the agreement, and the date it was signed (what the SLAs entailed, dates from and to, and a short description of what the contract was for).

Both agreements were to employ BGI Tech Solutions Hong Kong Ltd as an independent contractor to provide analysis of biological clinical samples on behalf of two research studies:

"T4 Immunotherapy of Head and Neck Cancer" (SLA signed 22/08/2018, formally terminated 11/03/2022)

"Antenatal assessment of fetal infection utilising advanced MRI protocols" (SLA signed 24/01/2019 - currently undergoing formal termination)

2. Reason for termination prior to work being undertaken:

"T4 Immunotherapy of Head and Neck Cancer" - termination was due to difficulties with funding arrangements (not being able to obtain the funding required) and thereby no longer requiring the sample analysis.

"Antenatal assessment of fetal infection utilising advanced MRI protocols" - a pilot study interrupted due to Covid, again, no samples were collected so negating the need for sample analysis.

I am sorry you needed to make an external complaint in order to obtain this information. The College has changed its internal process as a result to ensure any internal reviews which result in exemptions being upheld are reviewed by a second senior member of the team.

If you require any further information in regard to this or another request, please do not hesitate to contact the team again at [King's College London request email]. I will send a copy of this response to the ICO for their records.

Very best wishes,
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