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Newcastle University and BGI Genomics

[John Lubbock](#) made this Freedom of Information request to [Newcastle University](#)

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The request was **successful**.



John Lubbock 1 May 2023



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Dear Newcastle University,

I am conducting a survey of UK higher educational institutions to find out which have had business dealings with the Chinese genomic sequencing company BGI Genomics.

I would like to ask whether your university has ever had any contracts or business relationships with BGI Genomics or its UK subsidiary MGI Tech UK. If there has been any work undertaken by BGI Genomics with your university, please can you provide a list of these contracts with dates from and to, and a short description of what the contract was for. I would like to clarify that I am requesting information on any contracts with BGI Genomics from 1 January 2015 to 1 May 2023.

Yours faithfully,

John Lubbock



nrecman, 2 May 2023

To assist with records management, please do not alter the subject line of this email.

Please accept this email as confirmation of receipt of your FOI request.

We will forward your FOI request to the relevant Newcastle University department for processing.

Yours sincerely,

Information Governance Team

Executive Office
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John Lubbock 15 July 2023
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Dear nrecman,

I am writing to request a response to this FoI request, which is now long overdue. Please let me know whether you are attempting to fulfil the request or not, and why there has been a delay.

Yours sincerely,

John Lubbock

nrecman, 18 July 2023

Dear John,

Thank you for your recent request for information. My sincere apologies for the delay in responding.

The University has not had any contractual or business relationships with BGI Genomics or MGI Tech UK in the period 1st January 2015 to 1st May 2023.

I hope that this is of use. If you are unhappy with the way we have handled your request you can ask for an internal review. Details of how to do this can be found at: <http://www.ncl.ac.uk/foi/access/complain...>

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Yours sincerely,

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