



Information Assurance and Governance
Office of the Principal

19 May 2023

Dear John,

Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002
Our Ref: 153-23

I refer to your request for information dated 26 April 2023 under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 (FOISA) asking the following:

- Whether the University of St Andrews 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, can you provide a list of these contracts with dates from/to and a short description of what the contract was.

Our Finance and Contracts teams have carried out a search of the records that they hold and no information has been located linked to BGI Genomics or MGI Tech UK.

Section 17 of the FOISA requires that a Scottish public authority confirms in writing where information requested of it is not held and notice is therefore given to this effect.

Your right to seek a review of how your information request was managed

If you are not satisfied with the University's response and/or our reasoning set-out above, you have the right to request a review of our decision. The timelines in which this right is available are set out in section 20(5)(a) and (b) FOISA. In broad terms the right to seek a review must be exercised within 40 working days of receiving this response.

Any request for review at this time should be sent by email to foi@st-andrews.ac.uk stating:

- a) your name and address;
- b) details of your original request; and
- c) the reasons why you are dissatisfied with our response.

If/

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If you remain dissatisfied with how your request for information has been dealt with following Review, you also have the right to apply to the Scottish Information Commissioner (SIC) for a decision. In the event of an appeal to the SIC, the Commissioner will generally only be able to investigate the matters raised in the request for review.

Details on how to make an appeal online to the SIC can be found on their website: <http://www.itspublicknowledge.info/YourRights/Unhappywiththeresponse/AppealingtoCommissioner.aspx> .

This concludes the University's response.

Yours sincerely

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Information Assurance and Governance Officer