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148-24 RE: FOI request re China visits

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8 October 2024 at 12:50

Dear Sam,

Thank you for your recent information request received on 4th September 2024. Please find response from the University below:

- *The number of visits to China in the last 18 months by the Vice-Chancellor (or equivalent), any pro-VC (or equivalent), dean international (or equivalent), or any other executive-level staff (not academic or research staff).*

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- *Please, for each visit, state the role of the staff member(s) who went, and a list of meetings/itinerary.*

The Vice-Chancellor made one visit to China last year. The other visits were attended by either Pro-Vice Chancellor International, Executive Dean of Faculty of Humanities & Social Sciences or Pro Vice-Chancellor & Executive Dean of Faculty of Science, Business & Enterprise

We are unable to provide the itineraries for these visits as this is commercially sensitive information and therefore exempt from being disclosed under Section 43 of the Freedom of Information Act. Section 43(2) of the Act states: *'Information is exempt information if its disclosure under this Act would, or would be likely to, prejudice the commercial interests of any person (including the public authority holding it).'*

If you require more information or are unhappy with our response, you can raise a complaint and request we conduct a review. To do this, write to foia@chester.ac.uk within 40 working days of this response. A review will be conducted by our Legal & Compliance team. If you are still dissatisfied after our internal review, then you can complain to www.ico.org.uk/foicomplaints within six weeks of receiving the outcome of our internal review.

Thank you and kind regards,

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Hi there,

My name is Sam Dunning. Please provide:

- The number of visits to China in the last 18 months by the Vice-Chancellor (or equivalent), any pro-VC (or equivalent), dean international (or equivalent), or any other executive-level staff (not academic or research staff).

- Please, for each visit, state the role of the staffmember(s) who went, and a list of meetings/itinerary.

Best,

Sam

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Sam Dunning

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