

Edge Hill University

Dear Sam Dunning

Our Reference: FOI242514104

In relation to your recent request, I can confirm this has now been processed in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000. Please find response details 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).

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

One executive member of the University has visited China in the past 18 months to attend a graduation ceremony, meet an agent and visit one of the University's long-standing research partners. Unfortunately, a detailed itinerary/list of meetings is not available to share with you, but the visits included Beijing (agent), Chongqing (graduation ceremony), and Shenzhen (research partner).

The University considers names and job titles (therefore the role of the staff member) to be personal data and has withheld this information to support compliance with UK GDPR and Data Protection legislation. Section 40 (2) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 has been applied to support this decision; Refusal notice attached.

We trust that this information fully answers your request, however if you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to ask for an internal review, quoting the above reference number in all communications. Internal review requests should be submitted within two months of the date of receipt of the response to your original letter and should be addressed to the Director of Strategic Planning at the University.

If you are not content with the outcome of your review, you may apply directly to the Information Commissioner requesting he review our decision. You must submit your complaint in writing to the Commissioner within six months of receiving the response to review letter. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: The Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF.

Kind Regards

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