

Subject: Freedom of Information Act Request 2024-166 Oxford Brookes University



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Dear Sam,

Freedom of Information Act Request - our reference 2024-166

Further to your email of 04/09/24 asking for information from Oxford Brookes University about China Visits, I am able to provide the following information in response to your request.

Your Questions:

- 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.

Our Response:

The university's senior delegates visited China for a Graduation ceremony and other university business.

Visits took place within the last 18 months: 21st - 28th September 2023 and 21st - 26th June 2024

The roles of the staff members who visited china. We are withholding some of the information requested because we believe section 40 of the Freedom of Information Act (2000) applies. Section 40, by virtue of section 40 (3) (a) (i) stipulates that personal data should not be disclosed if it breaches any of the data protection principles as set out in the Data Protection Act (2018). We consider that providing the personal information requested would mean that individuals can be identified and therefore breach Principle (a) (Personal data should be processed lawfully, fairly and in a transparent manner). The staff members concerned would have a reasonable expectation that their personal details are handled appropriately by the University without this being made public, including without their consent.

List of meetings/itinerary. We are withholding this information as we believe that Section 43(2) of the Freedom of Information Act (2000) applies. This section states that information is exempted from disclosure if it would, or it would be likely to, prejudice the commercial interests of any legal person (an individual, a company, a public authority or any other legal entity). Disclosing the information requested above could, we believe, prejudice the University's commercial interest.