

Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA)

Decision notice

Date: **14 November 2024**

Public Authority: **The Governing Body of University of Bedfordshire**

Address: **Park Square
Luton
LU1 3JU**

Request:

The complainant requested the following information from University of Bedfordshire on 24 July 2024:

" 1) Please provide a list of the partnership agreements signed between the university and

a) Companies from the People's Republic of China (including Hong Kong SAR).

b) Public authorities (such as universities) from the People's Republic of China (including Hong Kong SAR).

c) Charities or foundations from the People's Republic of China (including Hong Kong SAR).

Between 25th April 2024 to 24th July 2024.

For each agreement, please state:

i) The Chinese entity the agreement was signed with

ii) The title of the agreement

- iii) Any summary or description of the agreement held
- iv) The total value of the agreement to the university
- v) The time period of the agreement
- 2) Please state the total in payments received by the university from
 - a) Companies from the People's Republic of China (including Hong Kong SAR).
 - b) Public authorities (such as universities) from the People's Republic of China (including Hong Kong SAR).
 - c) Charities or foundations from the People's Republic of China (including Hong Kong SAR).

Between 25th April 2024 to 24th July 2024.

For these payments, please state

- i) The Chinese entity the agreement was signed with
- ii) What project or purpose for the payments was (donation, research grant etc)
- iii) Any summary or description of the project the payment related to
- iv) The value of the payments over the period.
- v) The date of the payments"

Commissioner's Decision:

A public authority will breach section 10 of FOIA if it fails to respond to a request within 20 working days. Based on evidence available to the Commissioner, by the date of this notice the public authority has not issued a substantive response to this request. Therefore the Commissioner finds a breach of section 10.

Steps:

The public authority must provide a substantive response to the request in accordance with its obligations under FOIA.

The public authority must take this step within 30 calendar days of the date of this decision notice. Failure to comply may result in the Commissioner making written certification of this fact to the High Court

pursuant to section 54 of FOIA and may be dealt with as a contempt of court.

Right of Appeal:

Either party has the right to appeal against this decision notice to the First-tier Tribunal (Information Rights). Information about the appeals process may be obtained from:

First-tier Tribunal (Information Rights)
GRC & GRP Tribunals,
PO Box 9300,
LEICESTER,
LE1 8DJ

Tel: 0203 936 8963

Fax: 0870 739 5836

Email: grc@justice.gov.uk

Website: www.justice.gov.uk/tribunals/general-regulatory-chamber

Any Notice of Appeal should be served on the Tribunal within 28 (calendar) days of the date on which this decision notice is sent.

**Information Commissioner
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
SK9 5AF**