

Freedom of Information Act 2000 disclosure log entry

Reference

22-23231

Date sent

28/11/22

Subject

Partnerships and/or Collaboration with Chinese Organisations

Details of enquiry

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This could include, but is not limited to, training courses delivered, exchange programmes offered, or secondments to your organisation for knowledge sharing.

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 - a. the date the collaboration started and ended,
 - b. the name of the organisation,
 - c. which department the collaboration was related to
 - d. and (if applicable) the names of any of the Chinese organisation's staff members who worked/undertook training/took part in secondments etc at your organisation for any period of time.

If redacting some information is the only way to enable disclosure, please do so.

Response sent

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Please find attached a PowerPoint Presentation on our international work:



Tavistock
International.pdf

And a link to courses published in China with the aim of recruiting students from there.¶

[Read 'The Tavistock and Portman: Delivering virtual education in China' on the NHS Confederation website](#)

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Whilst we aim to be as open as possible, provision of some organisations' names, and all names of individuals on our training, are withheld under s-40(2) and s-43(2) of the Freedom of Information Act.

We have set out details of the exemptions engaged at the end of this response. The remaining data requested is set out below. Each row refers to a Chinese organisation.

**Tavistock and Portman NHS Foundation Trust
Collaboration with Chinese Organisations 2018 to 2022**

Collaboration / Method Of Work	Start Date	End Date	Number/Name of Organisations from China	Dept	No of Participants
Trust delivery 'Infant Observation' Course and Programme Online	01/09/2022	31/07/2024	2 organisations (names withheld)	Dept of Education & Training	We do not hold this data. (courses provided on-line by client)
Trust Delivery of Online Training Programme	01/08/2022	31/10/2022	1 organisation Beijing Good Doctor International Education Consulting Ltd	Dept of Education & Training	We do not hold this data. (courses provided on-line by client)
Trust Translation of 'Psychological and social role of Counselling'	20/04/2022	31/10/2022	1 organisation (name withheld)	Dept of Education & Training	We do not hold this data. (courses provided on-line by client)
Understanding Development- Adolescence I Understanding Development- Adolescence II Family & beyond: an introduction to systemic thinking Infant Development Course Relationship and Mental Health Old Masters - Freud	07/05/2020	Ongoing	1 organisation Guangzhou Wan Wu You Yi Technology Co., Ltd	Dept of Education & Training	We do not hold this data. (courses provided on-line by client)
Trust Translation of 'Understanding Adolescence' online course	07/03/2022	01/06/2022	1 organisation (name withheld)	Dept of Education & Training	2: - Trust representative and - Chinese Organisation
Trust Translation of Pre Existing Video Content	29/05/2020	28/05/2025	1 organisation Guangzhou Wan Wu You Yi Technology Co., Ltd	Dept of Education & Training	2: - Trust representative and - Chinese Organisation
Remote Infant Observation Training	31/10/2017	31/08/2018	1 organisation (name withheld)	Dept of Education & Training	We do not hold this data. (courses provided on-line by client)
Leaders in mental Health Exchange Programme	2018	2018	1 organisation (name withheld)	Dept of Education & Training	We do not hold this data.
One day visit to TPFT. Theory, Seminars and Discussion with Students (36) Teachers (2). Also one Tour Escort and one guide present.	2018	2018	1 organisation (name withheld)	Dept of Education & Training	40
Psychodynamic Psychotherapy Training	03/03/2017	22/10/2018	1 organisation (name withheld)	Dept of Education & Training	100-140
Online Lectures	03/03/2017	01/04/2018	1 organisation (name withheld)	Dept of Education & Training	5
Hosted Event Summary	Dates of Hosted Event		Number of Organisations from China	Dept	No of Participants
Hosted delegates from one Chinese Foundation on 3 separate occasions for a Senior Leaders in Mental Health programme	2018	2019	1 (three times) (name withheld)	Dept of Education & Training	group of delegates (number of delegates not recorded)
Hosted introductory programmes on psychoanalysis and psychotherapy Two visits; in 2017 and 2019	2017	2019	1 (two times) (name withheld)	Dept of Education & Training	group of delegates (number of delegates not recorded)

Exemption s 43(2) of FOIA: Prejudicial to Commercial Interests

Your question 2b. above. We can confirm that the Trust holds information on the identity of the Chinese organisations with whom it has has/has had transacted business with over the last 5 years. However, we are withholding this information, where organisation have not provided permission to reveal their identities, under Section 43(2) of the FOIA, Commercial Interests because its disclosure would prejudice the commercial interests of the Trust.

Section 43(2) is a qualified exemption that requires the authority to carry out the public interest test. Please find below the public interest arguments that we have considered:

Arguments in favour of disclosure:

- Promoting accountability and transparency on how public funds are spent
- Promoting successes in our international work, and public awareness of services offered
- Promoting fair commercial competition
- Promoting standards of integrity and fair treatment

Arguments in favour of maintaining the exemption:

- Revealing named organisations without their consent would be a breach of Section 10 of our commercial contracts with them. (We have already written to request their consent, but, at the time of writing, we have not received any responses).
- Any unauthorised disclosure of these organisations will cause reputational harm, and/or loss of trust, and/or unintended exposure for our Chinese Partners and/or the Trust, which, in turn, will prejudice our future commercial interests with them and other overseas organisations
- Upholding standards of integrity, by following contractual obligations

We have concluded that the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosure.

Exemption s 40 (2) of FOIA – Personal Data of a 3rd Party

Your question 2d. above. We can confirm that the Trust hold partial data on the names of participants from Chinese organisations, but in this case we will not be providing it to you, as it is exempt from disclosure.

We are not obliged, under section 40(2) of the FOIA, to provide information that is the personal information of another person, if its release would contravene any of the provisions in the Data Protection Act 2018. In this instance we believe that the release of this information would contravene the first data protection principle and therefore section 40(2) of the FOIA is engaged. The terms of this exemption in the FOIA mean that it is an absolute exemption, meaning that we do not have to consider whether or not it would be in the public interest for you to have the information.

We are withholding the names of any of the Chinese organisation's staff members and/or students who worked/undertook training/took part in secondments etc at our Trust for any period of time over the last five years.

I hope that you are satisfied with this response. If you are dissatisfied you can ask us to carry out an internal review of our handling of your request. You can request a review by emailing us at FOI@tavi-port.nhs.uk. Your review will be carried out by a senior officer within the Trust who has not been involved in this response. If you remain dissatisfied following completion of our internal