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Dear Sir/Madam,

**Freedom of Information Act 2000 request**

With reference to your request for information about dental age assessment research, dated 20 April, made under section 1(1) of the Freedom of Information Act, I am writing to advise you that the information you require is available and included in this letter.

You asked the following:

***Re: "Assessment of Age, including dental age assessment, (AA/DDA) research by Professor Graham J. Roberts of KCL. (GJR/KCL); AA/DDA, research funded or commissioned by the Home Office/UKBA***

***Can you please email me an electronic copy of the following"***

***"1) Copies of a grant funding applications, related correspondence, draft or finalised funding agreements connected to any Home Office/UKBA initiatives on AA/DDA and GJR/KCL"***

There has been no formal contract with the Home Office or UK Border Agency. I can confirm that some informal discussions have taken place, but these were not recorded by the College. The Home Office have not entered into negotiations to support the research.

***"2) Copies of any future or current research proposals [1] on AA/DDA, whether to not connected with the Home Office/UKBA"***

The titles of the research projects are:

1. *“Reference data for Dental Age Assessment in UK Caucasians”.*
2. *“Dental Age Assessment: Developing Reference Standards for UK subjects”.*
3. *“Dental Age Assessment (DAA) Reference Data for British Caucasians at the 16 year threshold”.*
4. *“Dental Age Assessment (DAA) Reference Data for British Caucasians at the 10 year threshold”* (active project).
5. Multicentre study on *“Accuracy of Dental Age Assessment”* (active project).

Each of the above named research projects has received ethical approval from the Research Ethics Committee at King’s College London or University College London.

The College is continuing to develop the active research projects to a level suitable for publication. We therefore consider this information to be exempt and are applying the exemption under section 22 of the Act (Information intended for future publication).

#### ***“2.1) Details of how and which organisations fund the research”***

The current research is funded by departmental activity in the Dental Institute at the College. Any equipment or payment for x-rays is funded out of the private practice income that emanates from the Clinical Dental Age Assessments.

This completes your request for information.

If you feel your request has not been properly handled or you are otherwise dissatisfied with the outcome of your request, you have the right to complain. Details of how to make a complaint can be found in our FoI Policy, a copy of which is available on our web site at: the following address:

<http://www.kcl.ac.uk/college/policyzone/attachments/FoIPolicy.pdf>

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Yours sincerely

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