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Dear Sarai

Thank you for your email of 9th October 2018 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. Please see the responses to each of your questions below:

Q1. Has the university committed to licensing its medical discoveries in ways that promote access and affordability in Low- and Middle- Income Countries? If yes, please provide a link or PDF to the relevant policy document.

The University of Exeter operates an essential medicines ethical licencing pledge, made accessible to members of staff via the Research Toolkit

(<http://www.exeter.ac.uk/research/toolkit/sharing/ip/essentialmedicines/>)

"The University is committed to the principles of global access licencing to low and middle income countries. To safeguard development of and access to health-related technologies in low income and developing countries, the University of Exeter, working with our strategic industrial partners and commercial licensees in this sector, will, as far as reasonably practicable:

- Only apply for and prosecute patent applications relating to healthcare technologies in less developed countries where necessary - if, for example, without a patent incentive the IP would not be commercialised or globally licensed
- Negotiate and grant intellectual property licences and material transfer agreements which seek to promote the availability of essential medicines and vaccines at affordable prices to patients in low income and developing countries"

Q2. Please provide an Excel spreadsheet with headings as displayed below with all the health technologies LICENSED by the university in the past year AND specify which countries they were licensed in AND specify whether they are exclusive or non-exclusive licenses. Health Technology Licensed | Country of Licensing | Type of License (Exclusive or Non-Exclusive)

No health technologies were licensed by the University in the 12 months prior the date of this request. Options to negotiate licences at a future date have been granted through collaboration and research agreements with many of our partners however none of these have been exercised in the 12 months prior to the date of this request.

Q3. Please provide an Excel spreadsheet with all the health technologies PATENTED by the university in the past year AND specify which countries they were patented in.



This information can be found online in freely accessible patent databases such as Espacenet. However, as requested, the attached excel spreadsheet indicates the university's subset of 'health technologies' where patents have either been filed or granted in regional/national territories in the twelve months prior to the date of this request.

Q4.Has the university shared its best practices for promoting access to medicines through non-exclusive licensing by carrying out any of the following activities?

- Contributed sample clauses to the AUTM Global Health Toolkit
- Published an article, guidance, or other literature on access licensing practices
- Formally presented on access licensing practices at an academic or professional event, or at another university
- Informally shared or discussed access licensing practices with administrators at other universities
- Other
- None

The University has informally shared or discussed access licensing practices with administrators at other universities

Q5. What actions has the technology transfer office (TTO) undertaken in the past year to improve access to the technologies they license in low- and middle-income settings?

In line with our essential medicines licensing pledge we have restricted patent applications for healthcare technologies in less developed countries to those territories considered necessary for commercialisation.

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