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Megan Driver
To be sent by email

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Dear Megan

I am replying to your Freedom of Information request to Sidney Sussex College, Cambridge University, which was received on 12 July 2021.

For clarity, below is your original request.

This is a formal request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. I am writing to request information on the financial relationships the college holds with the alcohol industry and the support by the college for alcohol harm support services.

Please include the following information:

- 1. A portfolio statement of the alcohol production, alcohol trade and alcohol sales organisations in which Sidney Sussex College holds direct or indirect investments, if any, specifying how many shares/bonds/assets are held and their approximate value.*
- 2. A statement of the organisations which provide or fund alcohol harm support services in which Sidney Sussex College holds direct or indirect investments, or to which Sidney Sussex College has made donations within the last five financial years, if any, specifying how many shares/bonds/assets are held, and/or how many donations have been made, and their approximate value.*
- 3. A statement of the charitable activities relating to alcohol harm support services have been undertaken by Sidney Sussex College within the last five years, if any.*

Please provide an index of relating documents.

Responses to your request are set out below:

The College has investments in Adnams PLC (for details, please see link to Adnams Regulatory Disclosures: <https://www.adnams.co.uk/customer/pages/regulatory-disclosures>). Shares were donated to the College in the 1990s and over the years the College has been divesting in them in pursuance of the College's Investment Policy not to hold any direct investments (<https://www.sid.cam.ac.uk/about-sidney/published-information/college-policies-protocols-and-statements>).

The College holds indirect investments with BlackRock Investment Management (UK) Limited in the Blackrock Charities UK Equities Index Fund, iShares Developed World Fossil Fuel Screened Index Fund (UK) and the iShares Developed World Index Fund. BlackRock provide the top 10 holdings, sector breakdowns for each of the iShares funds on their website at the following links:

<https://www.ishares.com/uk/professional/en/products/229050/blackrock-blk-developed-world-index-flex-dist-gbp-fund>
<https://www.ishares.com/uk/professional/en/products/316259/bcif-ishares-developed-world-fossil-fuel-screened-index-fund-uk?switchLocale=y&siteEntryPassthrough=true>
<https://www.blackrock.com/uk/individual/products/298249/blackrock-charities-uk-equity-index-fund>

The College is not aware of any donations made to fund alcohol harm support services in the last five financial years.

The College is not aware of any charitable activities undertaken relating to alcohol harm support services within the last five years.

I hope that this answers your questions. If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact me. Alternatively, you can request a review by our FOI Review Officer, Mr Nick Allen nga23@sid.cam.ac.uk.

Yours sincerely,



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