

Via Email

Ref: 2022-44

Date: 9 September 2022

Dear

Thank you for your request received by the National Portrait Gallery on 8 August. Your request has been considered under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act (2000). You requested the following information:

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, Please provide all information held by your institution related to any relationships between the National Portrait Gallery and Chinese entities not based on direct funding.

By Chinese entities I am referring to entities owned by the Chinese government, private companies/institutions based in China or individuals with Chinese citizenship. By direct funding I mean sponsorships, gifts or donations to your institution. Rather than direct funding, we are interested in more indirect relationships, such as any form of agreement (such as partnership or licensing) or other commercial arrangements where the institution stands to benefit. If the relationship has benefitted your institution financially, please explain how much the relationship has generated in profit. However we are also interested in relationships that do not immediately generate profit such as agreements of mutual understanding.

These may include but are not limited to:

- Relationships with state owned development firms for example to work on joint projects*
- Relationships with private Chinese companies.*
- Licensing agreements*
- Collaborations with museums/galleries based in China such as joint exhibitions or assisting in the operations of these institutions based in China.*
- Items displayed in your gallery that have been loaned by individuals or organisations based in China.*
- Agreements of mutual understanding or cooperation with entities linked to the Chinese government*

I can confirm that the Gallery holds information relevant to your request. Information is provided in the table below:

Name of organisation	Nature of relationship (e.g. licensing, partnership)	Date relationship started	Financial benefit/ profit generated
OCAT Institute	Licensing	May 2022	£135

The Gallery does not currently have any relationships with China as part of our international programme, but a previous example of this work can be seen here:

<https://ucca.org.cn/en/exhibition/elizabeth-peyton/>

I trust that this information is of use to you and I wish you all the best with your research.

Yours sincerely

Information Governance Advisor

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Complaints

If you are dissatisfied with this response the first step, as set out in the Freedom of Information Act, is to seek an internal review. Requests for internal reviews should be submitted in writing to the:

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Please note that after 3 months from the last meaningful correspondence this case will be closed. For an internal review request please contact us within this 3 month period, otherwise any request received after this time will be treated as a new enquiry.

If, upon the completion of any internal view, you are still dissatisfied you may seek an independent review from the Information Commissioner. Requests for reviews by the Information Commissioner should be made in writing to:

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