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Jim Killock

Email: Open Rights Group request-406503-2fcca2a9@whatdotheyknow.com

Dear Mr Killock

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST

Thank you for your query received 30 May 2017 further to your request for information about Internet filtering policies. The University's response is below.

For absolutely clarity, can I check if you use content filters for any general purposes? I am interested to know if you for instance block pornography, hate speech, violence, etc. for any parts of your network or users.

The University does not use content filters. The only URLs that are blocked are recognised malicious websites: fraud and/or phishing sites.

We are of the view that to provide more information about this would be both commercially and security sensitive. Further disclosure would be strategically useful to criminals, likely to prejudice the prevention or detection of crime and prejudice the commercial interests of the University.

This information is being withheld under Sections 31(1) and 43(2) of the Freedom of Information Act.

See webpage: <http://www1.uwe.ac.uk/its/itpolicies/informationsecuritypolicy.aspx>

If you are dissatisfied with the way in which your request has been handled, you may request an internal review and should contact me again in the first instance.

If you then believe that your request has not been dealt with properly, you may apply to the Information Commissioner for a decision at: The Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire SK9 5AF.

Yours sincerely

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