

Our Ref: foi 2018/202

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Monday, 12 November 2018

Dear Ben Quinn,

**Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Request for Information**

Regarding your request for information received by the University of Westminster on 15<sup>th</sup> October 2018.

**The Request and Response**

The University can confirm that it holds information relating to your request. Please see below for details of your recent request and the University's response.

**1. Your Prevent action plan or any document that outlines your institution's Prevent policy in line with your obligations under the Counter Terrorism and Security Act 2015**

The University has reviewed all our policies in order to ensure that they take due regard of the Prevent Duty in line with the government guidelines for such activity. These policies are available on the University's website at <https://www.westminster.ac.uk/about-us/our-university/corporate-information/policies-and-documents-a-z>

The University's Prevent Action Plan is currently under review and the new version will be published on our website in the future. We are therefore applying the Freedom of Information Act exemption on disclosure, S.22 Information intended for future publication to this section of your request.

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For your information Section 22 of the Freedom of Information Act (2000) says:

*(1) Information is exempt information if—*

*(a) the information is held by the public authority with a view to its publication, by the authority or any other person, at some future date (whether determined or not),*

*(b) the information was already held with a view to such publication at the time when the request for information was made, and*

*(c) it is reasonable in all the circumstances that the information should be withheld from disclosure until the date referred to in paragraph (a).*

**2. Confirm if students, researchers and members of staff are obliged to register research which is deemed to be security sensitive.**

Yes.

**3. If such a register exists, the number of entries for each of the years 2018 (up to the date of this request), 2017, 2016 and 2015. By entries, I mean occasions on which individuals have registered research which falls into the category set out in bullet point 2. If possible, please identify the nature of the research (eg PhD, internally funded, externally funded) and topic**

2015 – 0

2016 – 0

2017 – 1

2018 – 2

The research entry in 2017 was on the topic of intelligence interviewing, interview techniques, synthetic environments, and cognitive styles. The research was externally funded.

Both research entries in 2018 were withdrawn before approval.

**4. If such a register exists, confirm whether or not it is stored onsite or on an external server.**

The register is stored on an external server under ISO 27001. No data collected as part of the research is stored in the server, only the registered proposal.

**5. If such a register exists, confirm whether the register is subject to any information sharing agreements with external partners or agencies including local and regional Prevent coordinators, the Home Office, the local Counter Terrorism Intelligence Unit, the local police or any other law enforcement agencies**

No. There are no formal agreements between the University and any of the above agencies to share information in the register. The University Research Ethics Committee or other designated authority of the University may, when requested, share information with the local police authorities to inform them of the nature of legitimate research into

such areas, in order to protect the researcher from suspicion of illegal or potentially illegal activity.

**6. A list of any agreements, arrangements or Memorandums of Understanding between your institution and bodies such as the Internet Watch Foundation (IWF), the Counter Terrorism Internet Referral Unit (CTIRU) of the Metropolitan Police Service (MPS), or Police Intellectual Property Crime Unit (PIPCU) of the City of London Police, to receive lists of illegal or illicit content, for instance for the purposes of blocking.**

The University does not have any agreements, arrangements or Memorandums of Understanding with bodies such as the IWF or CTIRU.

**7. Confirm if any filtering or blocking service that your institution uses incorporate lists from the IWF, CTIRU or PIPCU, and which lists are incorporated;**

The University does not hold this information.

We hope this information may be of use to you.

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If you are dissatisfied with this response you may ask the University to conduct a review of its decision.

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Please do so in writing (including by fax, letter or email) or in some other recorded form (e.g. audio or video tape), describe the original request, explain your grounds for dissatisfaction, and include an address for correspondence.

If after contacting the University of Westminster you are not happy with the outcome, you also have a right of appeal to the Information Commissioner.

Please note that the Information Commissioner will not investigate the case until the internal review process has been completed.

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Yours sincerely,

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