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Dear

Freedom of Information Act 2000 – information request (ref: FOI_16-046)

We have now considered your request of 07 February 2016 for information on research funding from the tobacco, alcohol or gambling industries. Our response is on page 2 of this letter, together with a copy of your request, and we hope this will meet your requirements.

On this occasion it is not possible to provide all the requested information. In line with your rights under section 1(1)(a) of the Act to be informed whether information is held, we confirm that the University does not hold information in response to your first and second questions. Further explanation is on page 2.

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Yours sincerely

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Response to Freedom of Information Act 2000 request (FOI_16-046)

1. Does your institution have a policy on the receipt of research funding from the tobacco, alcohol or gambling industries? If so, please send us the policy or direct us to a web resource

[Information not held - s.1(1)(a), Freedom of Information Act]

No such policy is held by the University.

2. Has the ethics of accepting funds from tobacco, alcohol or gambling industry sources ever been formally discussed by your institution's Senate or Board or a body of similar status? If so, when was the most recent formal discussion about the ethics of accepting research funding from tobacco, alcohol or gambling industry sources?

[Information not held - s.1(1)(a), Freedom of Information Act]

We hold no record of any such discussion in any of the potentially relevant minutes and papers currently held by the University¹.

3. Would it be correct to say that funding from tobacco, alcohol or gambling industry sources is handled in the same way as other research funding?

No. If the University was offered research funding from a tobacco, alcohol or gambling industry source, any offer of funding would be discussed initially with our Vice-Chancellor's Office² and/or Executive Team³.

4. Has your institution received funding from tobacco, alcohol or gambling industry sources in 2014 and 2015? If so, please state the project titles or areas of research funded and the amount of funding received per project

No.

5. Has your institution signed any contracts with tobacco, alcohol or gambling industry bodies containing non-disclosure clauses? (i.e. clauses that prohibit release of information about the funding arrangement)

No.

6. Does your institution anticipate modifying its current position on funding from the tobacco, alcohol or gambling industries in the next 12 months? If yes, please describe how it might change

No.

¹ Board and Committee papers and minutes are retained in accordance with our Records Retention Schedules: <https://portal.uea.ac.uk/information-services/strategy-planning-and-compliance/regulations-and-policies/information-regulations-and-policies/records-management/rrs-department-policies>

² <https://portal.uea.ac.uk/vco>

³ <https://www.uea.ac.uk/about/our-university/executive>