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Dear [REDACTED]

Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Information request (ref: FOI_15-055)

We have now considered your request of 24 February 2015 for information relating to the transport of live genetically modified organisms for a specific research project. Our response is on page 2 of this letter, together with a copy of your request (modified to remove personal data) and we hope this will meet your requirements.

However 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 questions A, B and C, and only partial information for question D. Further explanation is provided on page 2.

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Please quote our reference given at the head of this letter in all correspondence.

Yours sincerely

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Response to Freedom of Information Act 2000 request (FOI_15-055)

For [your son's] Project we require the following documents:

- a. *the formal pre risk and risk assessment document for the transport of live genetically modified organisms from IFR to UEA on UEA's campus road, signed off;*

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

- b. *the detailed protocol that [was given by UEA to your son for the purposes of explaining] how to transport these genetically modified organisms in the presence of the general public and the pre risk and risk assessment [made for and signed by your son].*

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

- c. *all documents required by the Health & Safety Executive and the University for the transport of these live genetically modified organisms in this project, in writing and signed off. In a University document it stated that there is no relevant pre or post accident risk assessment;*

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

We hold no recorded information relevant to the above questions. We can however confirm that because these samples represent the very lowest level of risk recognized by the Health and Safety Executive, there was no requirement to notify them of the activity in question.

- d. *details of the insurance policy for the carriage of genetically modified organisms on the University campus roads and what would happen in the event of an accident were this material spilt contaminating members of the general public and where the insurance for this is. As part of any risk assessment document you would have to give details of the insurance.*

Carriage of genetically modified organisms is considered to be part of the University's business and therefore we have cover under our Liability policies (Employers and Public).

Both policies are held with Zurich Municipal, policy number NHE-09CA01-0013.

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

We hold no recorded information which details what would happen if genetically modified organisms were spilt and contaminated members of the general public.