

FOI Ref

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Response sent

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(CCC) Correspondence regarding "Falun Gong" or "Falun Dafa".

I would like to be sent all email correspondence to and from the council from Jan 1st 2015 - July 21st 2020 that mentions "Falun Gong" or "Falun Dafa".

But some more info:

Falun Gong is a quasi-religious group. As I understand it, many of their followers often write to their local councils to raise awareness of the practise and its persecution in China as a lobbying technique.

Response:

The council confirms that it holds information relating to your request. The information that the council holds is attached here and relates over the period you stipulated to the following areas (Available on request)

- 1) A rally on behalf of Falun Gong in Cambridge in 2017
- 2) Hire of room at a community centre for Falun Gong group
- 3) Correspondence with the mayor inviting him to attend an event.

As you will see from the information disclosed some details have been redacted from the documents because it is information that would identify individuals, and constitutes personal information. The disclosure of personal information where it would be in breach of the data protection principles is exempt from disclosure under s40(2) of the Freedom of Information Act. This is an absolute exemption and there is no requirement to consider the public interest.

Further queries on this matter should be directed to foi@cambridge.gov.uk
