

*Email received from Janet Legrand, 14.05.23*

**Sent on behalf of Janet Legrand, Senior Lay Member of the University Court**

Dear Andrew Neish KC,

Thank you for your letter dated 27 February 2023 in relation to the screening of the documentary *Adult Human Female* at the University.

As a member of the University Court, I already have a direct interest in the University's compliance with its legal obligations, and more broadly its commitment to upholding freedom of expression and academic freedom.

The University follows a set of policies in relation to events such as the *Adult Human Female* screening and discussion, including its Speakers and Events Policy. While I am not personally a member of the University Compliance Group which has responsibility for the original approval and subsequent rescheduling of this event, I am aware of the advice provided to that group, which includes detailed guidance on the relevant statutory duties owed by the University. The University is therefore well aware of its legal obligations in this regard, and takes into account all of the relevant duties you have raised in your letter when making decisions about the scheduling of events on campus.

I am also aware of other factors which have impacted the rescheduling of the event, including the availability of organisers and an appropriate event Chair, and recent industrial action by the University and College Union. To ensure we do all we can to enable the event to proceed without incident, the University has also sought to avoid scheduling overlaps with other high profile events.

However, in response to your letter, I have sought reassurance that the University is working with the organisers of the *Adult Human Female* event to ensure it can take place safely and lawfully, in the context of the University's legal obligations. Based on the feedback I have received, I am satisfied that the University is following its appropriate policies and procedures in relation to the rescheduling of this event, including having due regard to all relevant legal obligations.

Thank you again for your letter and your interest in the work of the University.

Janet Legrand KC (Hon)  
Senior Lay Member of the University Court