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30 January 2023

Dear [REDACTED],

Freedom of Information request: FOI2023/00014

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request received on the 17 January in which you requested the following:

Your request:

Can you email me the evaluation criteria which assessors use to evaluate Smart Grant applications please?

Our response

I can confirm that UK Research and Innovation (UKRI) hold information relevant to your request. Please see the information below.

As this information is in the public domain, we consider that Section 21 - Information already reasonably accessible, of the FOIA would apply and have provided the relevant link below. Section 21 is an absolute exemption which means that there is no requirement to conduct a public interest test.

The [assessor scoring matrix](#)¹ for the SMART competition is publicly available at the link provided which can also be accessed from the [IFS competition briefs](#)² for the SMART competition October 2022.

If you have any queries regarding our response or you are unhappy with the outcome of your request and wish to seek an internal review of the decision, please contact:

Head of Information Governance
Email: foi@ukri.org

Please quote the reference number above in any future communications.

If you are still not content with the outcome of the internal review, you may apply to refer the matter to the Information Commissioner for a decision. Generally, the ICO cannot make a decision unless you have exhausted the review procedure provided by UKRI. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: www.ico.org.uk.

If you wish to raise a complaint regarding the service you have received or the conduct of any UKRI staff in relation to your request, please see UKRI's complaints policy: <https://www.ukri.org/about-us/policies-and-standards/complaints-policy/>

Yours sincerely,

¹ <https://www.ukri.org/publications/smart-assessor-and-scoring-guidance/>

² <https://apply-for-innovation-funding.service.gov.uk/competition/1330/overview/314566f0-6e69-4516-a0a2-31c9182c4a36#supporting-information>
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