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20 July 2026

Dear [REDACTED]

Freedom of Information request: FOI2026/00482

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request received on the 4 June in which you requested the following:

Your request:

*I would like to request access to information regarding agency recruitment for UKRI.
Is there a formally procured contract in place with any agencies?
If so what is the contract, who are the agencies engaged and when is it due for renewal?*

Our response

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

Question 1: *"Is there a formally procured contract in place with any agencies?"*

UKRI does not hold a single contract with specific recruitment agencies. Instead, agency staff are sourced through Government Commercial Agency (GCA) frameworks, formerly Crown Commercial Service (CCS), which provide access to multiple pre-approved suppliers.

UKRI engages recruitment agencies through call-off contracts under these frameworks, such as the Non-Clinical Staffing Framework (RM6277). Our primary route for sourcing agency staff is through the GCA Workforce Solutions framework (RM6288), which is delivered by Alexander Mann Solutions (AMS). We have one large call-off contract in place under this arrangement.

Where staffing requirements cannot be met through the Workforce Solutions framework, UKRI may use other GCA frameworks, most commonly the Non-Clinical Staffing Framework, to source temporary workers from alternative approved suppliers.

Questions 2 and 3: *"Who are the agencies engaged and when is it due for renewal?"*

Suppliers are selected from GCA frameworks on a call-off basis and vary depending on business need. There is no single UKRI renewal date for agency arrangements. Agency workers are engaged through GCA frameworks, which run for fixed periods. Individual call-off contracts are awarded for specific requirements and vary in duration, so UKRI does not hold a single renewal date for all agency arrangements.

UKRI's primary contract for sourcing agency staff is through the GCA Workforce Solutions framework (RM6288), which is delivered by Alexander Mann Solutions (AMS). We have one large call-off contract in place under this

arrangement. This contract is scheduled to end on 5 August 2031. More information is available at the following link: [GSS24709 UKRI - Contingent Labour - Contracts Finder](#)¹

If staffing requirements cannot be met through the Workforce Solutions framework by AMS, UKRI may use other GCA frameworks, most commonly the Non-Clinical Staffing Framework, to source temporary workers from alternative approved suppliers.

- More information about other relevant suppliers is available from publicly accessible sources, including: [Contracts Finder](#)² and [Find a Tender](#)³ (contract notices)
- [UKRI procurement transparency data](#)⁴ (published contracts)
- [UKRI financial transparency data](#)⁵ (transactions over £25,000)

Under Section 21 of the FOIA, information already reasonably accessible, information on suppliers and contracts is available through publicly accessible procurement and transparency publications.

Section 21 is an absolute exemption which means that there is no requirement to conduct a public interest test.

Your rights

If you have any queries regarding our response please do let us know. If you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to ask for an internal review, explaining which elements of this decision you disagree with and why. Internal review requests should be submitted within 40 working days of the date of our response and should be addressed to:

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 procedure](#)⁶.

Yours sincerely,


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¹ <https://www.contractsfinder.service.gov.uk/notice/3bfc64c0-ff91-41a5-bae9-29294e52550f?origin=SearchResults&p=1>

² <https://www.gov.uk/contracts-finder>

³ <https://www.find-tender.service.gov.uk/Search>

⁴ <https://www.ukri.org/who-we-are/procurement-contract-transparency-data/>

⁵ <https://www.ukri.org/who-we-are/policies-standards-and-data/data-collections/financial-data/>

⁶ <https://www.ukri.org/who-we-are/contact-us/make-a-complaint/> - skipnav-target