



20 March 2023

Dear [REDACTED],

**Freedom of Information request: FOI2023/00127**

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request received on the 14 March in which you requested the following:

**Your request:**

- 1) *Can you confirm that the Medical Research Council owns 20 Grafton place, Chelmsford, CM2 6TG.*
- 2) *Can you confirm that Nuveen is representing them in managing the lease for 20 Grafton place. In this case, can you confirm the correct contact details for Nuveen please.*
- 3) *I am requesting if the Medical Research Council is aware of the following decision*
  - a) *to raise the rent by a very significant amount on 20 Grafton place*
  - b) *to demand that the roof is completely replaced by the tenant*
  - c) *the refusal to renew the lease other than on a 6 month temporary term for this charity that have been in situ for 40+ years in this location.*
  - d) *that they are to be evicted by the end of March if they don't agree to these terms*
  - e) *that the Medical Research Council have been asked for a contact on several occasions to discuss the problems with Nuveen and have not supplied the Charms with a contact as yet*

**Our response:**

I can confirm that UK Research and Innovation (UKRI) do not hold any information relevant to your request.

The Medical Research Council (MRC) do not own 20 Grafton Place, Chelmsford and Nuveen are not representing the MRC.

The building in question is owned by the MRC Pension Trust Limited, the assets of which belong to the [MRC Pension Scheme](#)<sup>1</sup> and are kept entirely separate from the Medical Research Council. The discussion on the lease renewal is a contractual matter between the managing agents, Workman, and the Tenant, details of which are not held by the MRC or UKRI.

In addition, we are able to confirm that the MRC responded to the Charms Therapy Centre, through its Executive Chair's office, on the 10 March 2023.

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](mailto:foi@ukri.org)

Please quote the reference number above in any future communications.

<sup>1</sup> <https://www.mrcps.co.uk/index.php>

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](http://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,

  
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