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25 August 2023

Dear [REDACTED],

Freedom of Information request: FOI2023/00534

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

Your request:

I am looking to retrieve information to formulate a comprehensive understanding of the growth and potential gaps in support for this sector, and inform future activities, the specific information I am interested in includes:

- *The total number of Life Sciences companies that applied for funding through various initiatives, including but not limited to, Smart grants, Collaborative Research and Development (CR&D), and Biomedical Catalyst (BMC).*

Please provide this data separately for each year from 2018 through 2022.

- *The total number of these companies that were successful in securing funding, again separated by year and by initiative.*
- *The total amount of funding that was granted to the Life Sciences sector through these initiatives for each year from 2018 through 2022.*

Additionally, I am also interested in gauging the level of Knowledge Transfer Network (KTN) activity with companies in Northern Ireland during this period. Specifically, could you provide information on:

- *The total number of workshops or enquiries involving KTN and companies in the Life Sciences sector in Northern Ireland from 2018 through 2022.*

Could I ask that the above information is broken down by region:

- *Northern Ireland*
- *Scotland*
- *Wales*
- *England*
 - *North East*
 - *North West*
 - *Yorkshire and The Humber*
 - *East Midlands*
 - *West Midlands*
 - *East of England*
 - *London*
 - *South East*
 - *South West*

Clarification received 19th July –

To clarify, the suggestions highlighted in yellow is what we mean by Life Science companies.

- **Ageing Society, Health & Nutrition**

- Agrifood
- Food and Nutrition
- Health & Life Science
- Health

Our response

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

For your first query, please find the attached: FOI202300534_Annex1.

As clarification, Collaborative Research and Development (CR&D) is a classification which covers many Innovate UK competitions, not a programme itself, so is not included as a specific line on the attached information. For example, both the Smart grant programme and the Biomedical Catalyst would be considered CR&D in our data set. We have instead interpreted your request as to be by initiative, or programme as referred to in the attached annex.

This data was compiled through isolating each application which was determined to be part of the Health and Life Sciences Brief, which was a field on the Data. The applications were then grouped by activity code as this was the clearest way to determine the programme.

For further information on successful Innovate UK projects, please see our [transparency data](#).¹

For your second query, UKRI does not hold information related to the Knowledge Transfer Network. Please direct your request to the Knowledge Transfer Network at enquiries@iuk.ktn-uk.org.

For your third query, please find attached: FOI202300534_Annex2, which contains the Life Sciences Grants broken down by region.

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 within the next 40 working days:

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.

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Yours sincerely,


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¹ <https://www.ukri.org/publications/innovate-uk-funded-projects-since-2004/>