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10 July 2026

Dear [REDACTED]

Freedom of Information request: FOI2026/00511

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request received on the 11 June in which you requested the following:

Your request:

I would like to submit a freedom of information request on the following subject: extraterrestrial presence. [...] I would like information on any Unidentified Aerial Phenomena (UAP) sightings that you may have including footage/reports from 2008 to the present day.

Our response

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

Following a search of our records, I can confirm that the Natural Environment Research Council (NERC) do not hold any information in the scope of your request. NERC do not hold any reports or footage of Unidentified Aerial Phenomena or extraterrestrial presence.

To advise and assist you, I can confirm that any research conducted by NERC on life in extreme environments is already available in the public domain via our grant systems. For more information on awarded grants on life in extreme environments, please see: [Gateway to Research](#).¹

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](#).²

¹ [GtR](#)

² <https://www.ukri.org/who-we-are/contact-us/make-a-complaint/#skipnav-target>

Yours sincerely,

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