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1 September 2022

Dear [REDACTED]

**Freedom of Information request: FOI2022/00272**

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request received on the 18 August in which you requested the following:

**Your request:**

*Under the Freedom of Information Act, I would like to request a copy of the Kent RS submission for REF 2021, and all emails and correspondence that were sent regarding my complaint.*

**Our response**

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

We have interpreted your request for a copy of the Kent RS submission for REF 2021 to mean a copy of the submission made by the University of Kent to REF 2021 under unit 31 (Theology and Religious Studies). This part of your request will be dealt with under the Freedom of Information Act. The part of your request for "all emails and correspondence that were sent regarding my complaint" will be handled under the Data Protection Act by the Data Protection team as a subject access request (SAR) as it relates to personal data.

Under Section 21 of the Freedom of Information Act - Information already reasonably accessible, the information you have requested on the University of Kent's REF 2021 submission under unit 31 (Theology and Religious Studies) is already available in the public domain. Section 21 is an absolute exemption which means that there is no requirement to conduct a public interest test.

The University of Kent REF 2021 submission under unit of assessment 31 (Theology and Religious Studies) has been published and is now publicly available from REF 2021 [Results and Submissions](#)<sup>1</sup>.

In particular:

- REF 2021 [Submitted Outputs](#)<sup>2</sup>
- REF 2021 [Impact Case Study database](#)<sup>3</sup>
- REF 2021 [Environment Submissions database](#)<sup>4</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> <https://results2021.ref.ac.uk/>

<sup>2</sup> <https://results2021.ref.ac.uk/outputs>

<sup>3</sup> <https://results2021.ref.ac.uk/impact>

<sup>4</sup> <https://results2021.ref.ac.uk/environment>

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) or [infogovernance@ukri.org](mailto:infogovernance@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](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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