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Freedom of Information request: FOI2020/00394

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request received on the 17 November in which you requested the following:

Your request:

I would like to request the entire UKRI disclosure log from the last 3 years. I realise some of this is online, but I would like to receive the full version without any abridged information.

Our response:

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

UKRI was formed in April 2018, therefore the UKRI disclosure log is only available from this date.

As you noted, some of our disclosure log is available online via the following:

- FOI requests that were received between January 2019 and October 2019 are available on the [UKRI Disclosure Log](#)¹ located on the new UKRI website
- Additional FOI requests that were received between April 2018 and October 2019, and were previously available on the old UKRI website, are available on the [National Archives](#)²

This information is exempt from disclosure by virtue of Section 21 – information already reasonably accessible, of the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) as it 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 UKRI Information Governance team are currently transitioning to new software for the management of information requests. The first phase has been completed and we are now in the process of creating the disclosure log in the new software. This has resulted in a delay in publishing more recent requests.

Therefore, the disclosure log of requests received from October 2019 until present is exempt from disclosure under Section 22(1) of the FOIA as it is intended for future publication. Section 22 is a qualified exemption meaning that it is subject to the public interest test.

UKRI understand that being transparent in regard to the publication of our Freedom of Information requests is in the public interest. However, the data and software that will be used is still incomplete and we are of the view that releasing the information as it currently stands would be inaccurate, incomplete and misleading and thus not in the public interest. It would also increase work load, by way of duplication, on the UKRI Information Governance team and detriment our ability to respond to new requests in a timely manner.

¹ <https://www.ukri.org/about-us/contact-us/freedom-of-information-request/foi-disclosure-log/>

² <https://webarchive.nationalarchives.gov.uk/https://www.ukri.org/freedom-of-information/foi-disclosure-log>

We have therefore determined that the outcome of this test is that the public interest is insufficient to justify immediate disclosure. Work is currently on going to publish the outstanding requests in the near future.

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 or 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: <http://www.ico.gov.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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