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**Freedom of Information request: FOI2020/00195**

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request received on the 1 July in which you requested the following:

**Your request:**

1. *What is your organisations current staff headcount?*
  2. *What was your organisations annual budget for the financial year 2019-2020?*
  3. *Does your organisation have or contract with a counter fraud specialist?*
  4. *If yes to question 3, is this provision employed directly by your organisation, outsourced to a public sector provider or outsourced to a private sector provider?*
  5. *What level of provision do you have to tackle fraud, bribery and corruption within your organisation (number of funded days a year)?*
  6. *How many fraud, bribery or corruption referrals did your organisation receive during the financial year 2019-2020?*
  7. *How many criminal investigations did your organisation carry out during the financial year 2019-2020?*
  8. *What was the fraud loss figure identified by your organisation during the financial year 2019-2020?*
  9. *How much of your identified fraud loss was recovered by your organisation during the financial year 2019-2020?*
  10. *How many criminal sanctions relating to fraud, bribery and corruption did your organisation apply during the financial year 2019-2020?*
  11. *How many disciplinary sanctions relating to fraud, bribery or corruption did your organisation apply during the financial year 2019-2020?*
  12. *What was the total cost of your organisations counter fraud staffing during 2019-2020?*
- I would like to receive my response by email please.*

**Our response**

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

1. Information on staff headcount can be found in the *UKRI Annual Report and Account 2019-20*, in the Accountability Report at section 3 (<https://www.ukri.org/about-us/annual-report-and-accounts/>)
2. Information on UKRI's budget for the financial year 2019/20 can be found in the *UKRI Annual Report and Account 2019-20*, in the Accountability Report at section 3 and the Financial Statements at section 4.
3. Yes, UKRI does have specialist counter fraud support.
4. The members of the specialist counter fraud support team are employed directly by UKRI.
5. The counter fraud that work full time on the detection and prevention of fraud.

6. UKRI received 64 referrals for fraud, bribery or corruption during the financial year 2019-2020
7. UKRI carried out 64 criminal investigations into fraud, bribery or corruption referrals during the financial year 2019-2020?
8. The fraud loss figure for UKRI for the financial year 2019-2020 was £1,718.602.08
9. *For the financial year 2019/20 the recovery and prevention of fraud was valued at £1,888,699 of which £378,635.12 was recovered.*
10. Criminal sanctions relating to fraud, bribery and corruption were applied by the police in one case during the financial year 2019-2020.
11. Disciplinary sanctions relating to fraud, bribery and corruption were applied in one case by UKRI during the financial year 2019-2020.
12. The total cost of the counter fraud team staffing during 2019-2020 was £360,865.26

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


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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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