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28 October 2021

Dear [REDACTED],

**Freedom of Information request: FOI2021/00444**

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request received on the 4 October in which you requested the following:

**Your request:**

1. *How many projects does Innovate UK currently handle?*
2. *How many staff does Innovate UK currently employ?*
3. *How many consultants does Innovate UK currently engage?*

**Our response**

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

**1. How many projects does Innovate UK currently handle?**

Under Section 21 of the FOIA - Information already reasonably accessible, the information you have requested 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.

Innovate UK publishes information on all awarded grants on its [transparency page](#)<sup>1</sup> where you will find information on the projects Innovate UK funds. This information is currently available for the period 2004 to 1 September 2021.

Information on funded research is also available on [Gateway to Research](#)<sup>2</sup>. The Gateway to Research was developed by the Research Councils to enable users to search and analyse information about publicly funded research. It includes information about projects supported by all seven Research Councils, Innovate UK and NC3Rs and can be filtered by key terms, funder and start year.

**2. How many staff does Innovate UK currently employ?**

Innovate UK currently has 685 employees on the payroll.

**3. How many consultants does Innovate UK currently engage?**

Innovate UK employs 73 contractors, including IT contractors working temporarily on projects for Innovate UK. The term contractors covers all staff employed on a day rate, only two of whom are engaged as consultants.

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/innovate-uk-funded-projects>

<sup>2</sup> <https://qtr.ukri.org/>

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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