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26 February 2021

Dear [REDACTED]

Freedom of Information request: FOI2021/00055

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request received on the 8 February in which you requested the following:

Your request:

I would like to make a freedom of information request for the minutes of ALL Board meetings that have taken place since 13th November, 2019.

Our response

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

The information you have requested 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 board meeting minutes is in the public interest. However, the preparation of the data is still incomplete and we are of the view that releasing the information as it currently stands could be inaccurate, incomplete and misleading and thus not in the public interest.

All 2020 board minutes are expected to be published on the [board meeting minutes page](#)¹ by 31 March 2021. 2021 board minutes are currently under review and will be published from April 2021 and after each subsequent meeting thereafter.

As the information will be accessible as soon as is reasonably practicable, we have determined that the outcome of the public interest test is insufficient to justify immediate disclosure.

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/>

¹ <https://www.ukri.org/about-us/our-structure/ukri-board/>

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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