



[REDACTED]

7 March 2022

Dear [REDACTED],

**Freedom of Information request: FOI2022/00044**

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request received on the 7 February in which you requested the following:

**Your request:**

*It would seem that I am missing some information in order to apply the public domain information you refer to [in FOI2022/00025], which is the role advertisement through which [REDACTED] was recruited to UKRI.*

*I see that there is an Extremist Organisation Affiliation Check (EOAC) please provide further details as to whether this is a UKRI internal check or external check.*

**Our response:**

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

Please find attached 'FOI2022\_00044 Associate Director Strategic HR Business Partnering 210000MQ'.

We are exempting the salary information and job description elements of the advertisement under section 40(2) of the FOIA. Disclosing this information would contravene the first Data Protection Principle as defined under Section 86 of the Data Protection Act 2018 and Article 5 of UK General Data Protection Regulation (UK GDPR).

Section 40(2) is an absolute exemption and does not require a public interest test.

The Extremist Organisation Affiliation Check (EOAC) is a check carried out by an external contractor. It is an internet mining tool which aims to identify any affiliations to extreme organisations which may present a risk to UKRI's operation. Decisions on any action taken in response to the EOAC are made internally.

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: <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,

Information Governance

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