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15 April 2026

Dear [REDACTED]

Freedom of Information request: FOI2026/00223

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request received on the 14 March in which you requested the following:

Your request:

I am writing to request information regarding the allocation and expenditure of the £60 million in new funding committed by the Department for Science, Innovation and Technology (DSIT) as part of the November 2025 strategy, "Replacing animals in science: A strategy to support the development, validation and uptake of alternative methods."

Specifically, please provide:

A breakdown of the £30 million allocated for the Preclinical Translational Models Hub. Please list any universities, private companies, or consortia that have been awarded funding or contracts to date to establish this hub.

A breakdown of the £30 million allocated for the UK Centre for the Validation of Alternative Methods (UKCVAM). Please state the physical location(s) chosen for this centre and the lead institutions involved.

The total number and value of "Validation Accelerator" grants awarded to date (2025–2026), including the names of the recipient institutions.

A list of the Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) the department has established to monitor the "phase-out" progress, which the strategy committed to publishing in 2026.

Confirmation of whether any of this £60m funding has been awarded to institutions that do not currently hold a Home Office Establishment License.

Our response

I can confirm that UK Research and Innovation (UKRI) does not currently hold information relevant to your request. Further information has been provided below to explain this.

The Office for Life Sciences (OLS), part of [Department of Health and Social Care](https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/department-of-health-and-social-care)¹ and [Department for Science, Innovation and Technology](https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/department-for-science-innovation-and-technology)², is the budget holder for the activities within the "Replacing animals in science: A strategy to support the development, validation and uptake of alternative methods." A request for information from OLS can be made [via this webpage](https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/office-for-life-sciences).³

¹ <https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/department-of-health-and-social-care>

² <https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/department-for-science-innovation-and-technology>

³ <https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/office-for-life-sciences>

1. *A breakdown of the £30 million allocated for the Preclinical Translational Models Hub. Please list any universities, private companies, or consortia that have been awarded funding or contracts to date to establish this hub.*

MRC is partnering with OLS to establish the Preclinical Translational Models Hub. No funding has yet been awarded for the Hub. An open funding opportunity is currently [live](#)⁴ and it is anticipated that one hub will be awarded a grant of up to £20m. The details of the successful hub will be published on [Gateway to Research](#)⁵ in due course. The £30m commitment in the Replacing animals in science strategy also includes translational research networks, it is anticipated that the remaining £10m will be invested in these networks, which are currently under development.

2. *A breakdown of the £30 million allocated for the UK Centre for the Validation of Alternative Methods (UKCVAM). Please state the physical location(s) chosen for this centre and the lead institutions involved.*

Please contact OLS for information on the establishment of UKCVAM.

3. *The total number and value of "Validation Accelerator" grants awarded to date (2025–2026), including the names of the recipient institutions*

Please contact OLS for details of the "Validation Accelerator" scheme.

4. *A list of the Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) the department has established to monitor the "phase-out" progress, which the strategy committed to publishing in 2026.*

The development of reporting and monitoring requirements are to be agreed by OLS. Further information can be sought from OLS who own the strategy and its reporting. As a delivery partner, UKRI makes suggestions which OLS uses in their decision making.

5. *Confirmation of whether any of this £60m funding has been awarded to institutions that do not currently hold a Home Office Establishment License.*

The funding has not yet been awarded.

Your rights

If you have any queries regarding our response please do let us know. If you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to ask for an internal review, explaining which elements of this decision you disagree with and why. Internal review requests should be submitted within 40 working days of the date of our response and should be addressed to:

Head of Information Governance

Email: foi@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: www.ico.org.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 procedure](#)⁶.

Yours sincerely,

⁴ <https://www.ukri.org/opportunity/pre-clinical-translational-models-hub/>

⁵ <https://gtr.ukri.org/>

⁶ <https://www.ukri.org/who-we-are/contact-us/make-a-complaint/#skipnav-target>



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