



[REDACTED]

27 July 2023

Dear [REDACTED],

**Freedom of Information request: FOI2023/00390**

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request received on the 22 June in which you requested the following:

**Your request:**

*How are you?*

*1. In your 2019/2020 accounts you state "As part of our commitment to sharing our data with our stakeholders and communities, we will be releasing an interactive dataset of research council-level funding information linked to the protected characteristics of age, gender, ethnicity and disability." Please could you guide me to where this is and/or send it to me if it has not been published.*

*2. Please could you send me your funding by illness for your financial years ending 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022 and 2023. Please use the HRCS health categories Health Categories - HRCS Online<<https://hrcsonline.net/health-categories/>> but you may use another classification if you use something different.*

*Clarification received: 28 June 2023*

*I do not want the UKHRA reports from 2018 or that pending for 2022. As I understand your response you will send me 'newly committed spend' for the years that I have requested. I don't see any need to delay your response.*

**Our response**

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

In relation to part 1 of your request we can confirm that UKRI's [diversity data](#)<sup>1</sup> related to our funding has been published and can be found at the link provided. This webpage contains links to the interactive tableau dashboard and analysis reports.

Under Section 21 of the Freedom of Information Act - Information already reasonably accessible, as the information you have requested is already available in the public domain, we have provided the link above. Section 21 is an absolute exemption which means that there is no requirement to conduct a public interest test.

Regarding part 2 of your request for funding by illness we have provided the attached document 'FOI2023/00390 funding by illness'. Notes to the data are provided in tab 1, while tab 2 contains information on funding for HRCS health categories with the amount shown as total new commitment made in each financial year in pounds sterling. Partial information is provided for 2023 due to data availability. Committed spend in a given year does not mean that all the funds are spent in that year as projects are usually multi-year.

The funding is weighted, which is how we apportion the funding when an award has multiple HRCS codes. The data may not be reflective of all funding or may include funding that is not relevant as the HRCS codes have been

<sup>1</sup> <https://www.ukri.org/what-we-offer/supporting-healthy-research-and-innovation-culture/equality-diversity-and-inclusion/diversity-data/>  
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applied using auto-coding by Dimensions, which uses the text provided in the grant application title and abstract to code.

As part of our duty to advise and assist under the FOIA, we can advise that UKRI publishes information on its funded awards on [Gateway to Research](https://gtr.ukri.org/)<sup>2</sup>. The Gateway to Research was developed by the UKRI's councils to enable users to search and analyse information about publicly funded research and innovation. 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, where you may be able to access information from what is publicly available.

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 within the next 40 working days:

Head of Information Governance


Email: [foi@ukri.org](mailto: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](http://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 policy: <https://www.ukri.org/about-us/policies-and-standards/complaints-policy/>

Yours sincerely,

  
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