



3 November 2021

Dear [REDACTED],

**Freedom of Information request: FOI2021/00475**

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request received on the 1 November in which you requested the following:

**Your request:**

*Dear Innovate UK,*

*Thank you for publishing your spend data here:*

<https://gbr01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.gov.uk%2Fgovernment%2Fpublication%2Finnovate-uk-transactions-over-25000&data=04%7C01%7Cfoi%40ukri.org%7C6e780f88b0d940f5f4a108d99d37857f%7C8bb7e08edaa44a8e927efca38db04b7e%7C0%7C0%7C637713684932920688%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWljojMC4wLjA%7CwMDAiLCJQIjojV2luMzliLCJBTiI6IjEhaWwiLCJXVCi6Mn0%3D%7C3000&sdata=ICqV8bsi7FbKPDGJuuSFoQPfRP6dZISk2TfQy4HFdl%3D&reserved=0>

*However, I notice that you haven't published any spending data since January 2021.*

*We understand that due to the COVID-19 pandemic it may not have been a priority to publish your spending data. However, we strongly believe that the spending data is critical to understanding how Government functions and this data is vital for our work. We would be extremely grateful if you could update this information as soon as reasonably possible.*

*I'd like to make a request under the Freedom of Information act for all transactions over £25,000 from February 2021 to a month in arrears from the date at which you publish in response to this request.*

*Please provide the data in a machine readable format (preferably csv). As a minimum, please make sure to include the date, value and recipient of each transaction. Please also provide details on the procurement category of each transaction if you have it.*

*Your team may also be interested in the guidance on producing spending data:*

<https://gbr01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.gov.uk%2Fgovernment%2Fpublication%2Fguidance-for-publishing-spend-over-25000&data=04%7C01%7Cfoi%40ukri.org%7C6e780f88b0d940f5f4a108d99d37857f%7C8bb7e08edaa44a8e927efca38db04b7e%7C0%7C0%7C637713684932920688%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWljojMC4wLjA%7CwMDAiLCJQIjojV2luMzliLCJBTiI6IjEhaWwiLCJXVCi6Mn0%3D%7C3000&sdata=Bk5w7ISUugjN1DfH92%2FxxKfkplkM9Tl3cPUMILTTCME%3D&reserved=0>

*For the avoidance of doubt, I am making this request under the Freedom of Information Act. I await your response within 20 working days.*

## Our response

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

Under Section 21 of the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) - Information already reasonably accessible, the information you have requested is already available in the public domain. The information you requested on Innovate UK is now published as part of UKRI's financial [transparency data](#)<sup>1</sup> spend, where you will find the data requested for February 2021 up to July 2021.

Section 21 is an absolute exemption which means that there is no requirement to conduct a public interest test.

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,

  
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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.ukri.org/about-us/what-we-do/financial-data/>