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**Freedom of Information request: FOI2020/00223**

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

**Your request:**

1. *Can I please have your records concerning the sales of personal data from 2019 and 2020, including trading partners and money earned from transactions?*
2. *Please can I have your records concerning the determining the price of personal data, for sales and sharing for the time period January 2019- Present.*
3. *What is your internal procedure for selling personal data? By this, I mean guidance given to internal staff and the buyer in question, for the time period of January 2019- Present.*
4. *What types of personal data do you sell and are there any limits placed on this? For the time period of January 2019- Present.*
5. *How many Subject Access Requests did you receive in the period 2017-2020, broken down by year? What types of personal data did they typically receive? For example, email addresses, home addresses and telephone numbers?*

**Our response**

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

UKRI does not sell any personal data, and therefore we do not hold information in relation to the first four questions of your request.

We are able to provide the number of Subject Access Requests (SARs) received by UKRI since April 2018, when UKRI was formed.

To explain further, information on SARs prior to April 2018 is held separately by the individual Research Councils and their units, centres, or institutes. We have determined that to extract and collate this information would exceed the 18 hours cost limit as outlined under Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act, as each research council would have recorded this information in different locations, in different formats, and using their own filing systems.

The figures for the requests received since April 2018 are as follows;

- 2018: 44
- 2019: 55
- 2020: 27 (to date)

The types of data provided varies by request, as it is dependent on what the data subject requires with each request managed on a case-by-case basis.

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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