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28 February 2023

Dear [REDACTED],

**Freedom of Information request: FOI2023/00036**

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request received on the 31 January in which you requested the following:

**Your request:**

*I was hoping to enquire about some of the data that was disclosed in response to FOI request FOI2022/00380.*

*It was mentioned in the response letter that some funding councils did not have electronic records as far back as 2005. Would you be able to advise on the years from which each council begun to digitise records, and as such the year from which each council is represented in the data provided?*

**Our response**

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

UKRI does not hold information on when councils' grant systems started receiving electronic applications, which is likely to precede the year 2005, but have provided the information we hold on when councils first received applications in the field of archaeology/heritage. We can provide the following information on the year from which each council is represented in the data. The dates provided are not an indication of the year in which each council begun to receive electronic applications but an indication of when councils first received a grant application that fell under the category of an archaeology/heritage project.

AHRC: 2011  
NERC: 2005  
FLF: 2018  
MRC: 2010  
IUK: 2018  
ESRC: 2008  
BBSRC: 2007  
RE: 2018  
STFC: 2015

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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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