



**UK Research
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Freedom of Information request: FOI2026/00876

Thank you for your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request received on the 29th of September in which you requested the following:

Your request:

I would like to know how many times did UKRI management meet with the General Secretary or Deputy General Secretaries from the trade union, Prospect, during the period of 2025-26.

I would like the dates of these meetings and a list of who they met from the UKRI if possible.

Our response:

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

For the period requested we can confirm Professor Sir Ian Chapman (UKRI Chief Executive Officer) and Gemma Bailey (UKRI Chief People Officer) attended one meeting involving Sue Ferns, Prospect senior deputy general secretary. The meeting was on the 10th June 2026.

In considering your request we have interpreted UKRI management, as relating to UKRI Senior Management and members of the UKRI management side who would engage with our JNCC (Joint National Consultative Committee).

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](#)¹.

Yours sincerely,

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