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26 January 2023

Dear [Redacted],

**Freedom of Information request: FOI2022/00370**

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request received on the 10 November and various clarification emails, the last of which was received on the 19 December, in which you requested the following:

**Your request:**

*The present FOI is a request to disclose the paperwork of the approved MRC Centre for Medical Mycology to function at University of Exeter, Director Professor Gordon Douglas Brown. My FOI request refers to UKRI MRC/ MRC CMM/UoE approved support roles.*

**Clarification:**

*What are the MRC CMM support roles and any associated documentation that can be shared with the public according to FOI UK regulations?*

**Our response:**

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

The Medical Research Council (MRC) Centre for Medical Mycology (CMM) at the University of Exeter is supported by an MRC Centre Grant. The Centre is managed solely by the University in line with [UKRI's Standard Terms and Conditions of Full Economic Costs Grants](#)<sup>1</sup>, MRC's *Expectations for Centres* and the *MRC Centre for Medical Mycology Heads of Agreement*.

The only specific staffing expectations MRC have of Centres relates to the role of the Director, as outlined in *MRC's Expectations of Centres* (attached with this response):

"MRC expects Centres to:

- have a dedicated Director who is a leading, internationally renowned scientist and who will provide focussed scientific leadership and management"

Other job roles or titles at the CMM would be informed by the aims and objectives of the Centre and determined by the University.

We have also provided extracts of the Heads of Agreement document that fall within scope of your request, namely relating to support roles at the Centre, in the attached document "*FOI2022 00370 MRC CMM University of Exeter Heads of Agreement Support Staff Extracts*". Annex 2, mentioned within Section 5.1, is not deemed in scope of the request as it lists Directors, Co-Directors, Principal Investigators and Early Career Fellows only, not support staff roles.

<sup>1</sup> <https://www.ukri.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/04/UKRI-021122-fECGrantTermsAndConditions.pdf>

For further information about the management of the Centre, and the support roles employed there, we would recommend contacting the University of Exeter. Details of how to submit an FOI request to the University can be found [here](#)<sup>2</sup>.

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)

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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<sup>2</sup> <https://www.exeter.ac.uk/about/oursite/dataprotection/foi/>