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**Freedom of Information request: FOI2020/00374**

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request received on the 3 November in which you requested the following:

**Your request:**

*I am looking for some assistance with your organisation's Spend/Transparency data, available on the following weblink:*

*<https://www.ukri.org/about-us/policies-and-standards/transparency/>*

*There appears to be no file available for the month of August 2020. Could you advise when the file will be made available to view online? Would it be possible for you to email me a copy of the August 2020 file please and thank you?*

**Our response**

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

We have determined that this information is exempt from disclosure under Section 22(1) of the FOIA as it is intended for future publication.

Section 22 is a qualified exemption meaning that it is subject to the public interest test.

**Public interest in favour of disclosure**

- UKRI understand that being transparent in regard to our expenditure is in the public interest and there is a general public interest in favour of the disclosure of this information to ensure transparency and openness.
- There is also a public interest in ensuring the accountability of public organisations and how they spend public funding.

**Public interest in favour of withholding the information**

- The data is currently being collated and reviewed. We are of the view that releasing the information as it currently stands would be inaccurate, incomplete and misleading and thus not in the public interest.
- We consider that premature release would give a misleading impression of UKRI's spending and would put undue pressure on UKRI to publish outside of its scheduled timeframes.

We have therefore determined that the outcome of this test is that the public interest is insufficient to justify immediate disclosure. UKRI aims to publish the data up to end-September 2020 by the end of 2020 and will be published to the link as noted in your original request.

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


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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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