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16 April 2024

Dear [Redacted],

Freedom of Information request: FOI2024/00234

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request received on the 15 March in which you requested the following:

Your request:

Could you provide some information on the Biomedical Catalyst 2023 Round 2: Industry-led R&D please:

- 1. Total no. of applications sent for assessment*
- 2. No. of applications invited to interview*
- 3. No. of applications notified of success with interview*
- 4. No. of applications notified of success without interview.*

Our response:

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

Table 1: Q1-4

Question	Answer
1. Total no. of applications sent for assessment	348
2. No. of applications invited to interview	30
3. No. of applications notified of success with interview	9
4. No. of applications notified of success without interview	23

Please note that, as per the [competition brief](#)¹, only projects requesting an overall grant of over £500,000 were interviewed as part of a portfolio approach to the selection of funded projects. Grant requests for less than £500,000 were selected for funding using a top-down approach.

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 within the next 40 working days:

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.

¹ <https://apply-for-innovation-funding.service.gov.uk/competition/1725/overview/2f9e8c8b-9fb9-4ea4-b637-c408fd2bf583>

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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