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19 December 2024

Dear [REDACTED],

Freedom of Information request: FOI2024/01138

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request received on the 21 November in which you requested the following:

Your request:

In relation to your [Analysis of responses to Initial decisions consultation – REF 2029](#)¹, Section 4 – Units of Assessment ... Would it be possible to see the raw data for question 17 – i.e. the 222 responses you received.

Our response:

I can confirm that UK Research and Innovation (UKRI) holds information relevant to your request. Please see the information attached in “FOI2024_01138 Q17 Consultation Answers”.

We are exempting names, contact information and additional details that may identify individuals under section 40(2) of the FOIA. Disclosing this information would contravene the first Data Protection Principle as defined under Section 86 of the Data Protection Act 2018 and Article 5 of UK General Data Protection Regulation (UK GDPR).

Section 40(2) is an absolute exemption and does not require a public interest test.

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](#)².

Yours sincerely,

¹ <https://2029.ref.ac.uk/publication/analysis-of-responses-to-initial-decisions-consultation/>

² <https://www.ukri.org/who-we-are/contact-us/make-a-complaint/#skipnav-target>



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