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24 August 2021

Dear [REDACTED],

**Freedom of Information request: FOI2021/00345**

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request received on the 28 July in which you requested the following:

**Your request:**

3 FOIs amalgamated into 1 request, please see all 3 requests:

1. *Please could you tell me if the staff at Daresbury Labs in Halton, Cheshire, used Minette 100% cotton gloves in the 1980's or early 1990's - please see images of the gloves below. If they were used, could you please tell me what they were used for.*
2. *Please could you tell me if cord similar to the images below was used at the Daresbury Labs, Halton, Cheshire, in the 1980's or early 1990's. The cord was made from cotton and was platted and had a white outer layer. The inner layer was made from natural fibres and man made fibres. The cord was made abroad, possibly Italy. If this cord was used, please could you provide me with information regarding what it was used for.*
3. *Please could you tell me if in the late 1980's and early 1990's you had an employee at the Daresbury Labs, Halton, Cheshire, called [REDACTED]. If [REDACTED] worked there, could you please provide an employee photograph too if there is one available.*

**Our response:**

I can confirm UK Research and Innovation (UKRI) hold some information relevant to your request. Please see each question responded to in turn below.

1. *Please could you tell me if the staff at Daresbury Labs in Halton, Cheshire, used Minette 100% cotton gloves in the 1980's or early 1990's*

UKRI do not hold this information. This is because procurement records are kept for 6 years after the end of the financial year and therefore any orders placed for the items you have mentioned would pre-date any procurement records held.

2. *Please could you tell me if cord similar to the images below was used at the Daresbury Labs, Halton, Cheshire, in the 1980's or early 1990's. The cord was made from cotton and was platted and had a white outer layer. The inner layer was made from natural fibres and man made fibres. The cord was made abroad, possibly Italy.*

As above, UKRI do not hold this information due to the absence of procurement records for this time.

3. *Please could you tell me if in the late 1980's and early 1990's you had an employee at the Daresbury Labs, Halton, Cheshire, called [REDACTED]. If [REDACTED] worked there, could you please provide an employee photograph too if there is one available.*

I can neither confirm nor deny whether UKRI hold the information relevant to this request.

Section 40(5), personal data, provides that personal information is exempt from disclosure. Section 40(5) provides an exclusion from the duty placed on a public authority such as UKRI to confirm or deny the existence of the information if the act of confirming or denying could itself result in the release of personal information.

The terms of the exemption in the FOIA mean that UKRI do not have to consider whether or not it would be in the public interest for us to reveal whether or not the information is held.

The fact section 40 of the FOIA has been cited should not be taken as an indication that the information you requested is or is not held by UKRI.

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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