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25 April 2023

Dear [REDACTED],

Freedom of Information request: FOI2023/00192

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request received on the 10 April in which you requested the following:

Your request:

I have been told by the Department for Health and Social Care that they are not the appropriate authority and have suggested that I contact you for the information I require.

Therefore, please can you advise me of the name of the person from the Department for Health who contracted or commissioned the MRC (David Rae - IEH) to write the review on Organophosphates published in 1998?
http://www.iehconsulting.co.uk/IEH_Consulting/IEHCPubs/HumExpRiskAssess/sr5.pdf

Secondly, please can you explain why this action was taken when the long-term health effects arising from low-level exposure to organophosphates had been known as far back as 1951 as shown in the Zuckerman report (link attached), had also been included the HSE MS17 published in 1980 and 1987 and when Guy's Hospital Toxicology Unit had confirmed numerous cases of farmers with chronic injury caused by organophosphates?
<http://www.oprus2001.co.uk/zuck1951.htm>

Our response:

I can confirm that UK Research and Innovation (UKRI) do not hold any information relevant to your request.

We have been able to identify one file that may be of relevance to your request, E201/13/1 'Dept of Health Consultancy on Expert Advice on Environmental and Health Issues for the Dept of Health'. However, this file was destroyed by a fire at our off-site storage facility in July 2006, so we are unable to confirm whether it would have held relevant information. As such, we can confirm that no information is held on the name of the person from the then Department of Health who commissioned the review on Organophosphates published in 1998, or the reasons why the review was commissioned.

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.

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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