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8 March 2024

Dear [REDACTED],

Freedom of Information request: FOI2024/00104

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request received on the 9 February in which you requested the following:

Your request:

For each Research Council and each of their facility centres and institutes, please provide all relevant information to the following questions, with both text and relevant links to documents.

High Performance Computing (HPC)

- a/ How many HPC systems does each Council/Facility centre/Institute have?*
- b/ Who is the vendor?*
- c/ Who is the current supplier/integrator maintaining it?*
- For each within the organisation who is*
- d/ The Business lead?*
- e/ The Technical lead?*
- f/ For each would you share their email address and mobile / direct dial contact numbers?*
- g/ Would you please confirm the contract end date?*
- h/ For each HPC when is the next refresh planned?*
- i/ What would you like to improve upon in your next refresh?*

Our response

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

UKRI have a total of 8 High Performance Computing (HPC) systems across several different sites, details of which are included in "FOI2024_00104 Annex 1", answering questions a/, b/, c/, g/ and h/.

The Medical Research Council (MRC) have 2 systems, both in the MRC Laboratory of Medical Sciences (LMS). The Natural Environment Research Council (NERC) have 3 systems, one with the British Antarctic Survey (BAS) and two with the British Geological Survey (BGS). The Science and Technology Facilities Council (STFC) have 3 systems, one in the Hartree Centre, one in the National Quantum Computing Centre (NQCC) and one in the Scientific Computing Department (SCD).

We are exempting the names and contact information for individuals in response to questions d/, e/ and f/ of your request 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.

Question i/ is not within the scope of FOI, as you are seeking comment and opinion and not information that is held.

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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