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**Freedom of Information request: FOI2020/00128**

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request received on the 9 May 2020 in which you requested the following:

**Your request:**

*I am emailing regarding the progression of Alterations and Extension for Astronomy Technology Centre at UK Astronomy Technology Centre, Edinburgh, where I believe Cleanroom & Containment Facilities Ltd is the Main contractor.*

*I'm just trying to establish if the works have commenced on site and how (are?) the works currently progressing due to the current situation. If Yes, I would like to know when did it started on-site and the contract period please?*

**Our response**

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

The work being carried by Cleanroom & Containment Facilities Ltd (CCF) at the UK Astronomy Technology Centre is to install a new cleanroom in one of the labs. This commenced on 5 February 2020; however, due to the current pandemic the work ceased on 19 March 2020. The continued work on this specialist refurbishment will only restart when it can be undertaken in line with UK Government guidance and relevant UKRI policies.

The contract with CCF will conclude when the work has been completed, it does not have a fixed duration.

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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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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