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Cc: RE Engagement leads group
Subject: RE: ERC query

Hi [REDACTED]

Slightly different response for PSF and PRF if that's ok. It's very similar regarding the ongoing recognition of the importance and value of these funds and that we will continue to seek clarity regarding budgetary allocations but slightly different. Just for some context and not sure sharing, the ring fenced funding streams are still under review and discussion, there is more likelihood of ERC funding continuing noting HEPs are being encouraged to undertake more of these activities, particularly with the introduction of the REF PCE indicators work. There is a strong chance PSF and PRF will be continued like ERC, but the extent is still under consideration and pending confirmation of budget.

Apologies we cannot provide further clarity as this stage but as soon as we can, we will let you know. Appreciate the sector is wanting some direction on the future of these funding streams.

Please see slightly amended wording below. Please let me know if you have any further questions.

Regards
[REDACTED]

Do you know if the ring fenced funding (ERC, PSF and PRF) fund is likely to be in place next year?
Research England ring-fenced funding streams, including Enhancing Research Culture Fund, Policy Support Fund and Participatory Research Fund, is awarded on an annual basis and is subject to available funding and Government Spending Review outcomes. In previous years, where budget direction from DSIT has provided indicative figures for the future we have been able to indicate forward commitment. We recognise the importance and value of these fund and continue to seek clarity regarding budgets allocations. At this stage, we are not yet in a position to confirm Research England's budget for future years.

Research England has commenced work reviewing of some of our formula-based research funding. This is called the Strategic Institutional research (SIRF) review. The review considers the fundamental principles and the effectiveness of our current funding allocation mechanisms. Ring-fenced funding, is included in this review. Further information can be found on the [UKRI Website – SIRF Review](#). There will be opportunities to engage with RE to contribute to our understanding of how these funding streams are used and how we can best demonstrate the effectiveness of our funding.

Monitoring for a number of single-year ring-fenced funding streams, has been paused for academic year 2023-24. Further correspondence will be circulated to advise of any future monitoring arrangements.

If you have any further questions, please contact researchpolicy@re.ukri.org

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Hi [REDACTED]

I've had a query from an institution about the ring-fenced funding pots and whether Policy Support and Participatory Research ring-fenced funding will continue next year. I have the information about ERC below – is it the same for PSF and PRF too? i.e. that we remain committed to the agenda and will continue to provide PSF and PRF as far as is possible too?

Best wishes,

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