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29 June 2026

Dear [REDACTED]

Freedom of Information request: FOI2026/00466

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request received on the 29 May in which you requested the following:

Your request:

I request the following information relating to the recruitment exercises Band G and Band X roles listed below:

Role A: Head of Global Mobility (code 1685, Band G, Jan 2026)

Role B: Special Project Lead (code 1788, Band G, Jan 2026)

Role C: Head of Data Stewardship (Band G, March 2026)

Role D: Programme Manager Pay & Reward (Band G, Marh 2026)

Role E: Transformation Delivery Deputy Director (Band X, April 2026)

Role F: Transformation Business Architecture Deputy Director 2205 (Band X, April 2026)

Role G: EPSRC Deputy Director 2260 (4 vacancies, Band G, May 2026)

Role H: EPSRC and NS&D IS8 Portfolio Deputy Director Portfolio and Private Office 2273 (Band G, May 2026)

For each role, please provide:

- 1. The total number of applications received.*
- 2. The total number of applicants invited to interview.*
- 3. The number of applicants classified as internal candidates.*
- 4. The number of applicants classified as external candidates.*
- 5. Confirmation of whether any desirable criteria contained within the person specification were used during the shortlisting process for the role (Y/N)*
- 6. If desirable criteria were used during scoring of candidates, please specify:*
 - Which desirable criteria were applied.*
 - How they were applied.*
 - Whether they were used to reduce the number of candidates progressing to interview.*
- 7. Confirmation of whether desirable criteria formed part of the assessment or scoring methodology used to determine which candidates were invited to interview.*
- 8. The total number of interviews that were held for the role.*
- 9. If an offer was made to an interviewed candidate.*

Our response:

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

Vacancy	Total Apps	Internal Apps	External Apps	Total Apps Invited to Interview	Number of Interview Rounds	Offer made to interviewed candidate
Head of Global Mobility (1685)	38	3	35	5	1	Yes
Special Project Lead (1788) ¹	12	12	0	4	1	No
Head of Data Stewardship (1996)	36	1	35	5	1	Yes
Programme Manager Pay & Reward (1988) ¹	1	1	0	1	1	Yes
Transformation Delivery Deputy Director (2205) ¹	4	4	0	0	0	N/A
Transformation Business Architecture Deputy Director (2202) ¹	2	2	0	1	1	Yes
EPSRC Deputy Director (2260) ¹	35	35	0	11	1	Yes
EPSRC and NS&D IS8 Portfolio Deputy Director Portfolio and Private Office (2273) ¹	10	10	0	1	1	Yes

¹ Advertised internally only

Please note, desirable criteria contained in the person specification was not used in the shortlisting of candidates, during scoring of candidates, or as part of the assessment used to determine which candidates were invited to interview.

Your rights

If you have any queries regarding our response please do let us know. If you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to ask for an internal review, explaining which elements of this decision you disagree with and why. Internal review requests should be submitted within 40 working days of the date of our response and should be addressed to:

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 procedure](#)¹.

Yours sincerely,


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