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25 September 2023

Dear [REDACTED],

Freedom of Information request: FOI2023/00642

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request received on the 18 August in which you requested the following:

Your request:

I would like to know where can I see the final outcome report of an innovate UK project, under the category Collaborative R&D, with the ref [105820], that ended in May 2022.

Our response:

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

Innovate UK (IUK) do not request a final outcome report for funded projects, but instead currently require most projects to complete a Project Completion Form (PCF) within 30 days of the project ending, a copy of which is provided to their monitoring officer.

Information provided in PCFs is used to understand the outputs and outcomes for project participants. This, in combination with other work, helps IUK to understand the impact of our funding, understand what we can do better, and provides the evidence base for future grant funding programmes.

The PCF includes questions about profitability and Intellectual Property. Participants are asked to answer these to the best of their ability and to not disclose any information which might breach any statute or regulation, especially those relating to or limiting the disclosure of financial information, jeopardise any patent or other Intellectual Property applications or damage any ongoing commercial negotiations. Nonetheless, the information provided by participants is confidential in nature and would not be generally disclosed to the public.

The PCF specifically states that "individual responses will never be published or made publicly available", this is also emphasised in the published [IUK Project Impact Guidance](#)¹. Additionally, there is a further expectation for the information to remain confidential, given that research and development can continue after the project lifetime. It is on this basis that we have determined that the information you have requested falls under Section 41 of the FOIA, information provided in confidence. If this information was released, we believe it would result in an actionable breach of confidentiality.

Section 41 is an absolute exemption and does not require a public interest test.

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


¹ <https://www.ukri.org/councils/innovate-uk/guidance-for-applicants/project-impact-guidance/what-the-project-impact-questions-are-used-for/#contents-list>

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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