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29 October 2021

Dear [REDACTED],

Freedom of Information request: FOI2021/00456

Thank you for your email of 11 October in which you requested the following information:

Your email:

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

*I would like to get a detailed statistics for the last three years about
1) the ICT panel membership (including their expertise and the department) and
2) funded projects/areas including the amount and the number of funded projects.*

Please provide this statistics and details based on the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

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The remainder of this response will address the FOIA requests outlined in the second part of your email.

Your request:

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1) the ICT panel membership (including their expertise and the department) and
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Our response

I can confirm UK Research and Innovation (UKRI) hold information relevant to your request. Please see the information attached in the spreadsheet '*FOI2021/00456 Panel Membership and Funded Projects*'.

In response to question 1) *the ICT panel membership (including their expertise and the department)*, the spreadsheet attached details in tab 1 entitled 'Membership' the panel membership for all ICT Prioritisation, Programme Grant and Fellowship panels from October 2018 to September 2021. Please note that the ICT Prioritisation panel held in September 2021 was not included as the panel was still being processed. The information provided includes the name, organisation and department of all panel members.

With regards to the expertise of panel members, we have determined that this information falls under the exemption at Section 41 of the FOIA, information provided in confidence. To explain further, where panel member expertise has been collected, this information is provided in confidence with the stated purpose of enabling EPSRC to operate the peer review process. As such, the information is held in confidence and for the purposes of managing the peer review process. As this exemption is absolute there is no requirement to conduct a public interest test.

However, as an alternative where panel members hold EPSRC grants the research topic of those grants has been included in line with the publicly available information listed on Grants on the Web¹ (GOW).

In response to question 2) *funded projects/areas including the amount and the number of funded projects*, tab 2 of the spreadsheet, entitled 'Awards' provides information on awarded grants since October 2018. 205 Awards are listed and for each grant we have provided information on the funded value and the relevant research topics.

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
Email: foi@ukri.org or infogovernance@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: <http://www.ico.gov.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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¹ <https://gow.epsrc.ukri.org/>