



1 May 2025

Dear [REDACTED],

Freedom of Information request: FOI2025/00426

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request received on the 23 April in which you requested the following:

Your request:

Please detail the number of email attacks blocked by your organisation, broken down by spam, phishing, malware and edge block, each year for the past three years from May to April.

E.g.

May 2025 - April 2024

- 250,000 total email attacks blocked
 - o 100,000 spam emails blocked
 - o 75,000 phishing emails blocked
 - o 50,000 malware emails blocked
 - o 25,000 edge block emails blocked

Our response

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

Please note that all our email systems only maintain the last 90 days of metrics, with one system being the exception, therefore statistical information prior to 90 days will be incomplete.

	Jan - Dec 2023	Jan - Dec 2024	Jan – April 2025
Spam emails blocked	495,965	755,877	2,540,731
Phishing emails blocked			236,357
Malware emails blocked	867	1,345	11,226
Edge block emails blocked			2,642,755
Total email attacks blocked	496,832	757,222	5,431,069

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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¹ <https://www.ukri.org/who-we-are/contact-us/make-a-complaint/#skipnav-target>