



[REDACTED]

4 October 2024

Dear [REDACTED],

Freedom of Information request: FOI2024/00741

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request received on the 21 August in which you requested the following:

Your request:

Under the FOI can you send me list of all funded companies in the last 24 months and break down of ethnicity and allocated funds.

Clarification Received: 6 September 2024

I would like clarification on the ethnicity which are asked for grants consisting of:

- Age
- Ethnic background / White / Black / Asian / Etc
- religion
- Gender
- Sexuality / Heterosexual a Homosexuals
- How many paid for school meals

Further clarification Received: 6 September 2024

[Regarding breakdown of ethnicity] the data requested is the following:

- 1.number of funds allocated by ethnic groups and amounts.*
- 2.number of funds allocated by sexuality gender types:*

Our response

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

Information on funded companies and allocation of funds is available publicly on Innovate UK's [transparency data](#)¹ webpage and [diversity data for 2022 to 2023](#)² is also published.

As this information is in the public domain, we consider that Section 21 of the FOIA - Information already reasonably accessible, would apply and have provided the relevant links above. Section 21 is an absolute exemption which means that there is no requirement to conduct a public interest test.

Data on religion and sexuality for 2022/23 and the diversity data for 2023/24 is exempt from disclosure under Section 22(1) of the FOIA as it is intended for future publication. Section 22 is a qualified exemption meaning that

¹ <https://www.ukri.org/publications/innovate-uk-funded-projects-since-2004/>

² <https://www.ukri.org/publications/innovate-uk-applicant-diversity-data/innovate-uk-applicant-diversity-data-2022-to-2023/>

it is subject to the public interest test. UKRI understand that being transparent in regard to the diversity of funding applicants is in the public interest. However, the data is still in the process of collation and will need to go through internal quality checks before release. We are of the view that releasing the information as it currently stands would be inaccurate, incomplete and misleading and thus not in the public interest. We have therefore determined that the outcome of this test is that the public interest is insufficient to justify immediate disclosure. Figures for 2023/24 will be published on our website in due course.

No information is held for paid for school meals, so we are unable to answer that element of your request.

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

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](#)³.

Yours sincerely,


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³ <https://www.ukri.org/who-we-are/contact-us/make-a-complaint/#skipnav-target>