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16 December 2022

Dear [REDACTED],

Freedom of Information request: FOI2022/00395

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request received on the 8 December in which you requested the following:

Your request:

Follow up to FOI2022/00366 - recognition vouchers

Would you be able to provide information on the number and value of the recognition vouchers provided to employees over this period? I.e. not payments to Edenred. There should be no commercially sensitive information in this part of my request as it strictly relates to the rewards policy within the organisation, which is obviously in the public's interest, given it is taxpayers who will be paying for these rewards and deserve to be able to scrutinise them.

The vast majority of organisations that I have requested this information from have obliged, to the extent that Edenred's commercial interests would not be further impacted by the release of the information.

Our response

I can confirm that UK Research and Innovation (UKRI) hold information relevant to your request. Please see the information attached as document 'FOI2022/00395 UKRI Voucher Awards 2019-2022'.

UKRI issued paper-based recognition vouchers in 2019/2020 and from 2020/2021 switched to online vouchers. In the attached document 'award amount' refers to the monetary value of each voucher and 'count of awards' refers to number of vouchers issued.

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: 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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