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7 February 2025

Dear [REDACTED],

**Freedom of Information request: FOI2025/00030**

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request received on the 13 January in which you requested the following:

**Your request:**

*I am keen to understand how Tax payers money is being used on IT within your organisation, and who is responsible for the spends and departments.*

*Could you please advise what your IT budget looks like for the coming Financial year and who would be responsible for each of the below key IT roles for each of the research councils under UKRI?*

*IT Procurement Manager  
Commercial Manager  
Direct or IT  
Head of IT  
Cyber Security Manager  
Sustainability Manager*

*If any of your titles are different please feel free to amend or add additional roles*

**Our response:**

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

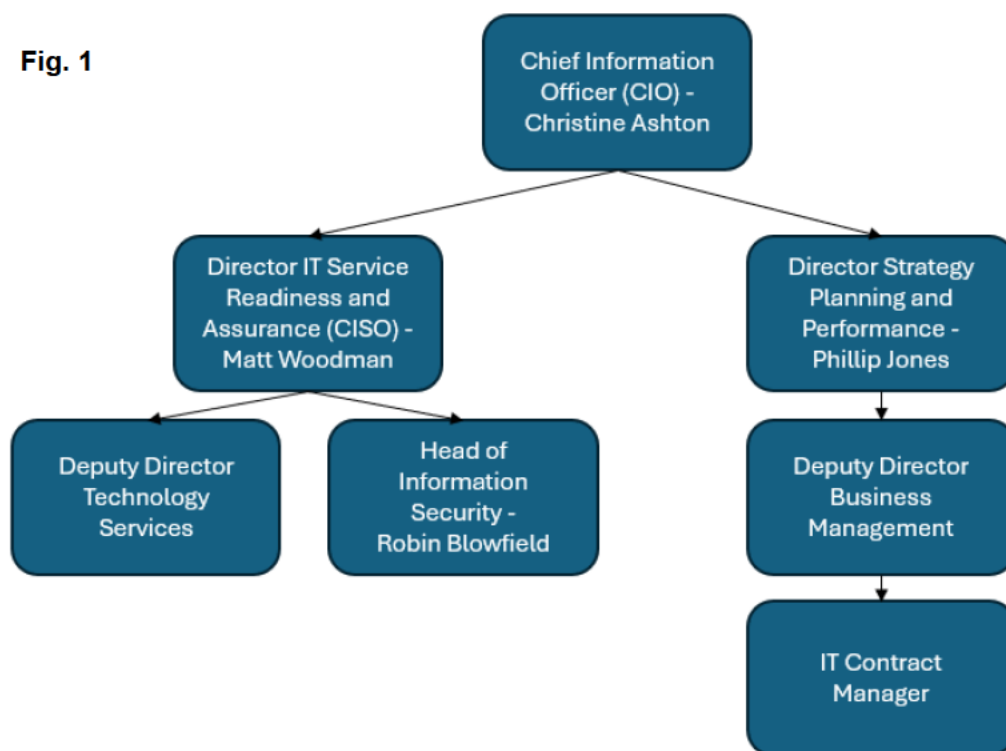
The IT budget for financial year 2025/26 is not held, as it has not yet been agreed. To offer some guidance, the UKRI core IT portfolio change budget for financial year 2024/25 was £6.68m and the non-salary operational budget was £14.01m. Additional budgets will apply to individual areas that have additional IT responsibility, such as Innovate UK and STFC, but these have also not yet been determined for 2025/26.

We are exempting the names of individuals not already in the public domain and contact details under section 40(2) of the FOIA. Disclosing this information would contravene the first Data Protection Principle as defined under Section 86 of the Data Protection Act 2018 and Article 5 of UK General Data Protection Regulation (UK GDPR).

Section 40(2) is an absolute exemption and does not require a public interest test.

However, we can confirm the UKRI Corporate IT structure that broadly matches the roles you have indicated, which is outlined in Fig.1 below. Please note, that IT is managed centrally by UKRI for each of the research councils and the UKRI Corporate IT structure does not have area specific Commercial or Sustainability Managers, these roles and responsibilities sit outside the Chief Information Officer group.

Fig. 1



In addition to the above, both STFC and IUK have significant responsibility for managing IT services and infrastructure, therefore STFC also have a Director Digital Infrastructure (which is currently filled on an interim basis) and IUK have a Deputy Director Innovation Systems.

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](mailto: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](http://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](#)<sup>1</sup>.

Yours sincerely,

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