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10 June 2024

Dear [REDACTED]

Freedom of Information request: FOI2024/00467

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

Your request:

Many lack practical skills and knowledge in trades, especially those with a university background. Under the freedom of information, it would be ideal to know how many employees at UKRI have such backgrounds and how many do not.

Clarification Requested: 29 May 2024

Please could you clarify which backgrounds you mean - is it trades or university or both?

Clarification Received: 4 June 2024

Then, I regard both, as you have highlighted, to be troublesome.

Our response

I can confirm that UK Research and Innovation (UKRI) does not hold any information relevant to your request.

We have checked our HR records systems and I can confirm that UKRI does not record any information in regard to whether an employee has come from a 'trade' or 'university' background, therefore this information is not held.

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](#)¹.

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

Yours sincerely,

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