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**Subject:** RE: Q: Ring-fenced funding queries

Thanks [REDACTED]

Hi [REDACTED]

As [REDACTED] said, we are not yet in a position to update our lines. Please see current approved lines below. If you have any further questions, or any additional specific details, please let me know.

Regards  
[REDACTED]

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*Research England ring-fenced funding streams, including Enhancing Research Culture Fund, Policy Support Fund and Participatory Research Fund, is awarded on an annual basis and is subject to available funding and Government Spending Review outcomes. In previous years, where budget direction from DSIT has provided indicative figures for the future we have been able to indicate forward commitment. We recognise the importance and value of these fund and continue to seek clarity regarding budgets allocations. At this stage, we are not yet in a position to confirm Research England's budget for future years.*

*Research England has commenced work reviewing of some of our formula-based research funding. This is called the Strategic Institutional research (SIRF) review. The review considers the fundamental principles and the effectiveness of our current funding allocation mechanisms. Ring-fenced funding, is included in this review. Further information can be found on the [UKRI Website – SIRF Review](#). There will be opportunities to engage with RE to contribute to our understanding of how these funding streams are used and how we can best demonstrate the effectiveness of our funding.*

*Monitoring for a number of single-year ring-fenced funding streams, has been paused for academic year 2023-24. Further correspondence will be circulated to advise of any future monitoring arrangements.*

*If you have any further questions, please contact [researchpolicy@re.ukri.org](mailto:researchpolicy@re.ukri.org)*

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Hi [REDACTED]

I've copied to [REDACTED] too – [REDACTED] leads on the ring fenced funds and I know has provided lines to the EL's before so can help out with the wording we've tried to use.

We have no intention of removing them for the time being but we don't have a funding settlement and cannot provide anything definitive until we do. We can make positive noises about our intention to protect but the timing of the SR is out of our hands.

Thanks

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Hi all,

As [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] know I've been asked by the Engagement Leads to start responding to queries we get from the sector. Thanks for your help so far helping us to respond to these.

I've got another query that I need your help with, please. The ELs are being asked in almost all their conversations with universities about ring-fenced funds, specifically what RE's intention is. The ELs are detecting an increasing nervousness from them about UKRI's settlement overall. From what we understand we expect to receive our Funding & Priorities letter in June, at which point we will be able to formally communicate information on budgets. June will likely be too late for the universities to avoid loss of staff supported by ring fenced funds. Can you advise on what the official line we should be giving on this in the meantime?

I look forward to hearing from you.

All the best,

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