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4 May 2023

Dear [REDACTED],

Freedom of Information request: FOI2023/00194

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request received on the 12 April in which you requested the following:

Your request:

- 1. In the last 10 years, what UKRI funded projects have led to NAMS being validated and approved by UK and Global Regulatory bodies.*
- 2. Have you an estimate of how many and what species of animals have been saved by these UKRI funded projects.*

Our response:

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

- 1. In the last 10 years, what UKRI funded projects have led to NAMS being validated and approved by UK and Global Regulatory bodies.*

UKRI does not hold information on projects that have led to NAMs being validated and approved by regulatory bodies. Any changes relating to methodologies take many years due to the need to validate technologies and achieve regulatory compliance.

UKRI funding for the development and dissemination of non-animal technologies, including new approach methodologies (NAMs), is achieved primarily through core-funding from UKRI for the National Centre for the Replacement, Refinement and Reduction of Animals in Research (NC3Rs). Further information on the development and dissemination of non-animal technologies by NC3Rs can be found on their website at: <https://www.nc3rs.org.uk/>.

In addition, a recent [joint funding call](#)¹ between BBSRC, NC3Rs and UKRI will further invest £4.7M in the development of non-animal technologies.

- 2. Have you an estimate of how many and what species of animals have been saved by these UKRI funded projects.*

UKRI does not hold information on the number of animals saved.

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


¹ <https://nc3rs.org.uk/news/bbsrc-nc3rs-and-ukri-invest-ps47m-development-non-animal-technologies>

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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