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04 March 2022

Dear [REDACTED],

Freedom of Information request: FOI2022/00048

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request received on the 7 February in which you requested the following:

Your request:

I am looking for some assistance with your organisation's Spend/Transparency data, available on the following weblink:

<https://www.ukri.org/about-us/policies-and-standards/transparency/>

There appears to be no file available for the month of November 2021. Could you advise when the file will be made available to view online? Would it be possible for you to email me a copy of the November 2021 file please & Thank you.

Our response

I can confirm UK Research and Innovation (UKRI) hold the information relevant to your request.

The information you have requested is exempt from disclosure under Section 22(1) of the FOIA as it is intended for future publication. Section 22 is a qualified exemption meaning that it is subject to the public interest test.

As previously advised in response to request [FOI2021/00316](#)¹, UKRI intend to publish transparency data to the [Financial \(transparency\) data webpage](#)² within 3 months after the month the expenditure has occurred. For example, all spend within November would be expected to be published by the end of February, allowing 3 full months. This lead time allows for important checks to be carried out, such as checks for any personal data to mitigate any personal data breaches. As previous public interest tests have demonstrated, it is not in the public interest to release this information prior to these checks being carried out. Therefore, the public interest is insufficient to justify immediate disclosure.

In this instance there has been a delay in the publishing of the November 2021 file, however we can confirm that it is expected to be available on the Financial (transparency) data webpage by the end of March 2022.

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.


¹ <https://ukri.disclosurelog.co.uk/case/60fbb829-548c-4106-a41e-c0b359cf4433>

² <https://www.ukri.org/about-us/what-we-do/financial-data/>

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: <http://www.ico.gov.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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