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31 July 2023

Dear [REDACTED],

**Freedom of Information request: FOI2023/00425**

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request received on the 5 July in which you requested the following:

**Your request:**

*What rate of fees are paid to independent experts brought in to assess technology of innovation companies supported by Innovate UK Edge?*

*How many SMEs has Innovate UK Edge supported in each of the last 5 years?*

*How many of these companies have expanded to become financially self-sufficient?*

*What is the Innovate UK Edge definition of success?*

**Our response:**

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

*What rate of fees are paid to independent experts brought in to assess technology of innovation companies supported by Innovate UK Edge?*

Innovate UK EDGE do not use independent experts to assess technology. More information about Innovate UK EDGE and what they do can be found [here](#)<sup>1</sup>.

*How many SMEs has Innovate UK Edge supported in each of the last 5 years?*

<b>Financial Year</b>	<b>Clients Supported</b>
2019 – 2020	1992
2020 – 2021	7930
2021 – 2022	8598
2022 – 2023	8217
2023 – 2024*	6221

\* up to 18/07/2023

*How many of these companies have expanded to become financially self-sufficient?*

This information is not held. Innovate UK EDGE is a publicly-funded service available to all high potential small to medium sized innovation-driven companies, including Innovate UK grant winners. The majority of Innovate UK EDGE clients are already financially self-sufficient.

<sup>1</sup> <https://www.innovateukedge.ukri.org/about-us>

*What is the Innovate UK Edge definition of success?*

This is seeking commentary and opinion, rather than information held, and is therefore out of scope of the Freedom of Information Act.

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](mailto:foi@ukri.org)

Please quote the reference number above in any future communications.

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