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**Freedom of Information request: FOI2020/00318**

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request received on the 25 September in which you requested the following:

**Your request:**

1. *External training spend in the previous 3 fiscal years (2017/18, 2018/19, 2019/20) in UK Research and Innovation, broken down by:*
  - a. *Amount spent through the Civil Service Learning contract and amount spent to deliver external training through other contracts*
  - b. *Under the Civil Service Learning Contract*
    - i. *Amount spent on online/digital delivery versus amount spent on in-person delivery*
    - ii. *Amount of spend allocated for bespoke courses specifically developed for your needs and amount of spend allocated for 'off-the-shelf' training material*
2. *Breakdown of the 2019/20 external training spend through the CSL contract in UK Research and Innovation by course, including:*
  - a. *Total amount spent per course*
  - b. *Total number of learners per course*
  - c. *Training provider that delivered the course*
  - d. *Course delivery method – i.e. online/digital or in-person*
  - e. *Name of course*
  - f. *Subject area of course*
3. *External training budget for 2020/21 fiscal year in UK Research and Innovation, broken down by:*
  - a. *Budget to spend through the Civil Service Learning contract*
  - b. *Budget to spend on the delivery of external training through other contracts*
4. *Any analysis undertaken on how your department's training needs have shifted this year compared to previous years. For example, are you planning greater emphasis on Leadership & Management courses or training delivered through digital/online courses?*
5. *Total number of civil service employees working in UK Research and Innovation (please provide latest available data)*

**Our response:**

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

UKRI is a non-departmental public body, though sponsored by the Department for Business, Energy & Industrial Strategy it is an arms-length body and does not have a Civil Service Learning contract, however a small number of staff have limited access via a pre-existing Innovate UK account.

1. *External training spend in the previous 3 fiscal years (2017/18, 2018/19, 2019/20) in UK Research and Innovation, broken down by:*
  - a. *Amount spent through the Civil Service Learning contract and amount spent to deliver external training through other contracts*

UKRI was formed in April 2018 and therefore does not hold the information requested for fiscal year 2017/18. As mentioned above, UKRI does not have a Civil Service Learning contract.

Under Section 21 - Information already reasonably accessible, of the FOIA the following information you have requested is already available in the public domain:

- Information regarding UKRI's total expenditure, including that of external training spend, can be found at <https://www.ukri.org/about-us/policies-and-standards/transparency/> covering April 2018 to March 2020

These spreadsheets can be filtered by "Expense Type" to identify training expenses. The type "Staff Training" is the account code for all councils, except Innovate UK, which uses the type "Training". This is due to a different finance system being in use.

The spreadsheets can also be filtered by "Supplier" to identify any spend made through Civil Service Learning. Our Learning and Development department have advised that suppliers KPMG and Korn Ferry provide training via Civil Service Learning.

Section 21 is an absolute exemption which means that there is no requirement to conduct a public interest test.

- b. *Under the Civil Service Learning Contract*
  - i. *Amount spent on online/digital delivery versus amount spent on in-person delivery*
  - ii. *Amount of spend allocated for bespoke courses specifically developed for your needs and amount of spend allocated for 'off-the-shelf' training material*

UKRI do not have a Civil Service Learning contract, therefore this information is not held.

2. *Breakdown of the 2019/20 external training spend through the CSL contract in UK Research and Innovation by course, including:*
  - a. *Total amount spent per course*
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  - f. *Subject area of course*

UKRI does not have a Civil Service Learning contract, therefore this information is not held.

3. *External training budget for 2020/21 fiscal year in UK Research and Innovation, broken down by:*
  - a. *Budget to spend through the Civil Service Learning contract*

UKRI do not have a Civil Service Learning contract, therefore there is no separate budget allocated for CSL spend.

- b. *Budget to spend on the delivery of external training through other contracts*

The total external training budget for fiscal year 2020/21 in UKRI is £2,553,000.

4. *Any analysis undertaken on how your department's training needs have shifted this year compared to previous years. For example, are you planning greater emphasis on Leadership & Management courses or training delivered through digital/online courses?*

This information is not held. No analysis has been undertaken. The delivery model for 2021/22 has not yet been agreed but will be informed by analyses of leadership and management capability and competency modelling.

5. *Total number of civil service employees working in UK Research and Innovation (please provide latest available data)*

As at 31<sup>st</sup> August 2020 (latest available data), UKRI has 37 employees with the contract type of “seconded from public sector department”.

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


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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: <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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