



[REDACTED]

3 February 2025

Dear [REDACTED],

**Freedom of Information request: FOI2025/00015**

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request received on the 8 January in which you requested the following:

**Your request:**

*Correspondence to Heads of Research England-funded higher education providers has previously stated that Policy Support Fund allocation is £29m for three years from 2022/23 to 2024/25.*  
[\(https://www.ukri.org/publications/research-england-funding-budgets-for-2023-to-2025/research-england-funding-budgets-for-2023-to-2024-and-2024-to-2025/\)](https://www.ukri.org/publications/research-england-funding-budgets-for-2023-to-2025/research-england-funding-budgets-for-2023-to-2024-and-2024-to-2025/)

*I would like to request internal briefing and policy documents prepared between 1 October 2024 and 8 January 2025 relating to plans and options for Policy Support Fund allocation for 2025/26 and beyond.*

**Our response:**

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

Two documents have been identified as containing information that is relevant to your request and were prepared between 1 October 2024 and 8 January 2025.

Document "FOI2025\_00015 Item C24-20 SR and SDP Update\_Redacted" contains information relating to the plans and options for the Policy Support Fund (PSF) allocation for academic year (AY) 2025/26 that was included as part of an update presented to the Research England Council in November 2024, on the annual spending review and strategic delivery plan refresh. We have removed and redacted information that is not relevant to the PSF and is therefore out of scope of your request.

Document "FOI2025-00015 Emails\_Redacted" contains the response to a query that was raised about ring-fenced funding pots and whether Policy Support funding will continue in AY 2025/26 from December 2024.

We are exempting the names, job titles and contact details under section 40(2) of the FOIA. Disclosing this information would contravene the first Data Protection Principle as defined under Section 86 of the Data Protection Act 2018 and Article 5 of UK General Data Protection Regulation (UK GDPR).

Section 40(2) is an absolute exemption and does not require a public interest test.

No information is held in the time period specified that relates to PSF allocation beyond AY 2025/26.

If you have any queries regarding our response please do let us know. If you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to ask for an internal review, explaining which elements of this decision you disagree with and why. Internal review requests should be submitted within 40 working days of the date of our response and should be addressed to:

Head of Information Governance

Email: [foi@ukri.org](mailto:foi@ukri.org)

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](http://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 procedure](#)<sup>1</sup>.

Yours sincerely,

  
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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.ukri.org/who-we-are/contact-us/make-a-complaint/#skipnav-target>