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29 May 2025

Dear [Redacted],

Freedom of Information request: FOI2025/00419

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request received on the 21 April in which you requested the following:

Your request:

Following FOI2025/00015, I would like to request any further internal briefings, papers, policy documents and emails threads prepared between 8 January 2025 and 30 April 2025, that relate to modelling and options for sector Policy Support Fund allocation for 2025/26 and beyond.

Further, I'd like to request internal emails from the same period, relating to plans and timelines for communicating the PSF allocation for 25/26 to universities.

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.

We note that your request asked for information up to 30 April 2025. Under the Freedom of Information Act we can only provide information held up to the date that the request was made, therefore the time period we considered for your request was 8 January 2025 to 21 April 2025.

One email chain has been identified as being in scope of your request, which can be found in "FOI2025_00419 Annex 1_Redacted".

We are exempting the names, contact details, job roles and working hours of individuals 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.

Information is not held from between these dates in the form of internal briefings, papers or policy documents that relate to the modelling or options for sector Policy Support Fund allocation for 2025/26 and beyond. No additional information is held in relation to plans or timelines for communicating the PSF allocation for 2025/26 to universities.

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

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 procedure](#)¹.

Yours sincerely,


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