



15 April 2026

Dear [REDACTED]

Freedom of Information request: FOI2026/00177

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request received on the 28 February in which you requested the following:

Your request:

The percentage of UKRI cancer research funding that was devoted to prostate cancer research for the years 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024 and 2025.

You later clarified on 24th March 2026:

Just the Medical Research Council is fine, thanks

Our response

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

For completeness, I have provided the total spending and percentage of Medical Research Council (MRC) cancer research funding and that which was devoted to prostate cancer research for the calendar years 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024 and 2025 in the below table.

Table 1:

	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	Total
MRC cancer	£59,207,212	£61,395,450	£103,313,631	£97,312,808	£66,491,563	£69,303,082	£457,023,746
MRC prostate cancer	£885,320	£746,307	£2,404,327	£655,545	£2,582,844	£268,248	£7,542,591
prostate cancer as %	1.5%	1.2%	2.3%	0.7%	3.9%	0.4%	1.7%

Please note: These figures do not include studentships.

MRC supports a substantial portfolio of cancer research, through investigator-led grants and our units and institutes. In addition, we invest in broader biomedical research and infrastructure that while not specific to cancer is highly relevant for cancer research. Within this, MRC funds research on the fundamental and mechanistic

biology of cancers and the development of new technology, diagnostics and medicines to treat and detect prostate cancer.

More broadly, UKRI plays a significant role in the cancer research landscape supporting interdisciplinary research to bring new discoveries closer to patient benefit and commercialisation. UKRI invests in cancer research to understand the underpinning biology of cancer to inform prevention, diagnosis and treatment options, and support academic and industry-led innovation in new cancer diagnostic, treatment and prevention strategies.

Your rights

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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