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7 July 2022

Dear [REDACTED],

Freedom of Information request: FOI2022/00216

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request received on the 27 June in which you requested the following:

Your request:

As a public body I wish to make a FOI request, as permitted under the Freedom of Information Act, 2000.

Please provide the following:

All information regarding services, of any value, procured from Advance HE by the body since 1 January 2017. This should include memberships, subscriptions, conferences, consultancy advice, reviews, or any other service which may have been purchased.

Any grant that has been awarded to Advance HE by the body since 1 January 2017.

Clarification received 27 June 2022

Regarding your request for "All information regarding services, of any value, procured from Advance HE by the body since 1 January 2017" please could you identify what categories of information you are interested in under "all information".

The information I would like in particular is the value of each individual contract. I would also like to know the description/title of each contract, the key deliverable produced by Advance HE, and (when applicable) the desired outcome UKRI hoped to achieve through the procurement of the service.

Our response

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

We can confirm that UKRI has procured services from Advance HE and this information is provided in the attached document "FOI2022/00216 Advance HE spend data". We have withheld information that is not in scope of the request for services procured from Advance HE.

We do not hold information on 'the desired outcome UKRI hoped to achieve through the procurement of the service.'

Names of individuals contained within the information have been withheld under section 40(2) personal information of the FOI Act. Section 40(2) exempts personal information from disclosure if that information relates to someone other than the applicant, and if disclosure of that information would, amongst other things, contravene one of the data protection principles in Article 5(1) of the UK General Data Protection Regulation (UK GDPR) and section 34(1) of the Data Protection Act 2018. In this case, we believe disclosure would contravene the first data protection principle, which provides that processing of personal data is lawful and fair.

Section 40(2) is an absolute exemption and UKRI is not obliged to consider whether the public interest favours disclosing the information.

We can confirm that no grant has been awarded to Advance HE since 1 January 2017.

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


Email: foi@ukri.org or infogovernance@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 policy: <https://www.ukri.org/about-us/policies-and-standards/complaints-policy/>

Yours sincerely,


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