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6 December 2022

Dear [Redacted],

Freedom of Information request: FOI2022/00330

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request received on the 13 October in which you requested the following:

Your request:

I am writing under the freedom of information act to request a copy of the results of the publicly funded study into deep learning prediction of clinical outcomes for mental health patients
<https://qtr.ukri.org/projects?ref=105834#/tabOverview>

I am looking for information regarding the outcome of the study or a summary report of the works completed and the findings achieved as part of the award.

Our response:

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

Innovate UK (IUK) hold a Project Completion Form (PCF) for the project "Limbic: Using deep learning to predict clinical outcomes for mental health patients" (Project Ref 105834).

We have attached a copy of the extracted fields that we believe to be in scope of this request, relating to the outcomes and findings; "FOI2022_00330 Project Outcomes Summary Extract_Redacted".

We believe that a small amount of the information you have requested falls under the scope of Section 43(2) of the FOIA. This exemption is used where disclosure would likely result in a person's (an individual, a company the public authority itself or any other legal entities) commercial interests being prejudiced.

This is a qualified exemption, meaning that a test was carried out to determine whether the public interest outweighs the requirement for commercial confidentiality.

Public interest in favour of disclosure

- There is a general public interest in the disclosure of this information to ensure transparency and openness of a public organisation.
- There is also a public interest in transparency in order to ensure the accountability of public organisations and how they spend public funding.
- It would be in the public interest to view the outcomes and findings of the study as public monies are used to fund this activity. As this is the case it is important that the programme has a positive impact and is beneficial to all parties involved. Seeing a copy of the PCF enables the public to independently assess the impact of this project.

Public interest in favour of withholding the information

- The PCF contains commercially sensitive information such as elements of the organisation's operational strategy which are disclosed to UKRI in confidence. The agreement we have with participants in our programmes is that we will not release any confidential information without their permission. Releasing all the information contained within this document would put competitors at an unfair advantage in planning competing strategies for further business opportunities.
- Releasing information provided in confidence to UKRI is likely to damage the possibility of ongoing relationships with other organisations. Relationships may become untenable if third parties cannot be certain that their commercial information will remain confidential when held by UKRI.
- Breaching the commercial interest may also adversely affect future negotiation opportunities for UKRI. UKRI may be seen as a 'confidentiality' risk if it routinely releases information relating to business arrangements into the public domain, particularly where this is third party information.
- We follow the government guidance on [managing public money](#)¹. Standards expected of all public services include integrity, reliability, spending money in the public interest and achieving value for money. Our current thorough process ensures that only the best projects receive public monies. Releasing this information could jeopardize the fair and transparent competition process and undermine our function to fund the best projects. In turn, undermining this process would go against our responsibilities to manage our use of public funds.
- We also considered the impact on UKRI if commercially sensitive information of companies we and engage and work closely with were disclosed. We believe it would damage the trust in UKRI and likely impact our ability to carry out our role and manage our current and future investments.

Taking the above arguments into consideration, we reached the decision that the need for commercial confidentiality outweighs the public interest in disclosure; therefore some of the information is exempt from disclosure and has been redacted.

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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¹ https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/1075006/MPM_Spring_21_without_annexes_040322_1_.pdf