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27 January 2020

Dear [REDACTED],

**Freedom of Information request: FOI2019/00033**

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request received on the 19 December in which you requested the following:

**Your request:**

I am looking to get copies of all information held by NERC and its then sub organisation the National Oceanography Centre regarding the Transitional Seafarers Agreement, especially those correspondence between NOC and the Maritime and Coastguard Agency. I am happy to take this as a digital copy.

**Our response**

I can confirm UK Research and Innovation (UKRI) hold information relevant to your request. Please see the information attached at Annex 1.

Please note we have redacted the names and contact details of individuals from Annex 1 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 EU General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) 2016. Section 40(2) is an absolute exemption and does not require a public interest test

If you have any queries regarding our response or you are unhappy with the outcome of your request and wish to seek a review of the decision, please contact:

Head of Information Governance

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

Please quote the reference number above in any future communications.

If you are not content with the outcome of our internal review you are entitled to refer the matter to the Information Commissioner's Office 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: <http://www.ico.gov.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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