



[REDACTED]

3 July 2023

Dear [REDACTED],

**Freedom of Information request: FOI2023/00332**

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request received on the 5 June in which you requested the following:

**Your request:**

- 1. Have you appointed, or do you intend to appoint in the next 12-24 months, a 'Data Protection Representative' in any overseas territory (for example, in the EU, Switzerland, China, Turkey etc) with the appropriate authority?*
- 2. If you have not appointed a representative, please provide any documented decisions explaining why not (for example, "considered exempt as a public authority" or "do not believe the risk levels warrant it", "No, but not recorded", etc)?.*
- 3. If you have appointed a representative, please provide any documented decisions explaining why along with details of each appointed representative by territory/country.*

**Our response:**

I can confirm that UK Research and Innovation (UKRI) holds some information relevant to your request.

UKRI has not appointed, nor intends to appoint in the next 12-24 months, a Data Protection Representative in any overseas territory.

No documentation is held relating to this decision as it was taken over the course of internal discussions. The decision was based on UKRI being a Public Authority and therefore exempt from the requirement in relation to the EU GDPR.

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 within the next 40 working days:

Head of Information Governance  
Email: [foi@ukri.org](mailto: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](http://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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