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22 July 2024

Dear [REDACTED],

**Freedom of Information request: FOI2024/00566**

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request received on the 25 June in which you requested the following:

**Your request:**

- 1. When are you next going through an audit of the national fraud initiative?*
- 2. What current procedures do you have in place such as confirmation of payee against fraud?*
- 3. What is your current confirmation of payee software incumbent product & the renewal date of the contract.*

*This is to identify tender opportunities.*

**Our response:**

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

- 1. When are you next going through an audit of the national fraud initiative?*

An independent audit of the work UKRI are doing on the National Fraud Initiative (NFI) has not been scheduled and UKRI will be working through the NFI over the summer, but it is too early to report on outcomes.

- 2. What current procedures do you have in place such as confirmation of payee against fraud?*

UKRI's current procedure is to carry out due diligence checks to verify the supplier.

- 3. What is your current confirmation of payee software incumbent product & the renewal date of the contract.*

UKRI does not use a software or tool.

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](#)<sup>1</sup>.

Yours sincerely,

  
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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.ukri.org/who-we-are/contact-us/make-a-complaint/#skipnav-target>