



**UK Research
and Innovation**

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15 January 2020

Dear [REDACTED],

Freedom of Information request: FOI2019/00028

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request received on the 16 December 2019 in which you requested the following:

Your request:

- Any assessors' notes and correspondence in relation to Matter Innovation's bid to the procurement 'Scope & Design of the Future Leaders in Innovation Policy (FLIP) Programme'

Our response

I can neither confirm nor deny whether UK Research and Innovate (UKRI) holds the information you have requested.

Section 41(1) provides that information is exempt from disclosure if such disclosure would constitute an actionable breach of confidence. Section 41(2) provides an exclusion from the duty placed on a public authority such as UKRI to confirm or deny the existence of the information if the act of confirming or denying would itself result in an actionable breach of confidence. We believe that is the case in regard to your request.

The terms of the exemption in the FOIA mean that UKRI do not have to consider whether or not it would be in the public interest for us to reveal whether or not the information is held.

The fact section 41 of the FOIA has been cited should not be taken as an indication that the information you requested is or is not held by UKRI.

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 or 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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