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10 March 2021

Dear [REDACTED]

**Freedom of Information request: FOI2021/00087**

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request received on the 22 February in which you requested the following:

**Your request:**

*I hope this email finds you well, I would like to submit a Freedom of Information Act request to see the application form and all assessor scoring and feedback for the following application.*

*Competition Name: Innovate UK Smart Grants: August 2020*

*Application Name: Plexus: Resident Advisor Ltd and Resident Advisor Tickets*

*Application Number: 100487*

*Please can you provide me with the following information?*

- 1. A copy of the completed application form*
- 2. The written assessor feedback from all 5 assessors for each question*
- 3. The individual scores from all 5 assessors for each question*
- 4. Any other information relating to the assessment and scoring of the application from the assessors.*

*Thank you so much for your help.*

**Our response**

I can confirm UK Research and Innovation (UKRI) hold the information relevant to your request.

The information you have requested for the completed application form, written assessor feedback, individual scores and all information relating to the assessment and scoring of the application falls under the exemption at section 41(1) of the FOIA information provided in confidence. As research organisations submit research applications in confidence, we consider their applications and subsequent feedback and scores are exempt under Section 41 of the FOIA.

To explain further, applicants submit their proposals in confidence with the understanding that details of their application, including their scores will remain confidential. If released we believe it would result in an actionable breach of confidence. As this exemption is absolute there is no requirement to conduct a public interest test.

Personal information has been withheld under section 40(2) of the FOIA. Section 40(2) exempts personal information such as names of individuals from disclosure if that information relates to someone other than the applicant, and if disclosure of that information would, amongst other things, contravene one of the data protection principles. 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 the UK General Data Protection Regulation (UK GDPR). 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 an internal review of the decision, please contact:

Head of Information Governance


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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: <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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