Dear [Name]

Freedom of Information request: Disclosures of Interest - ref UKRI – UKRI 2018/0007

Thank you for your Freedom of Information/Environmental Information Regulations request submitted on the 05th April 2018 in which you requested the following:

Your Request:

I would be grateful for information by email, or where I can find online:

a) Disclosure of Interest of members of:

   a.  UK Research and Innovation Board
   b.  UKRI MRC Council
   c.  ESRC Council
   d.  AHRC Council
   e.  NERC Council
   f.  BBSRC Council
   g.  EPSRC Council
   h.  Research England Council
   i.  Innovate UK Council

b) The Executive Management Group members for the above (a.-i.)

c)  UKRI Disclosure of Interest Policy for its own governance structure members and those of its councils listed above

Our response:

I can confirm that UKRI does hold the information that you have requested. Our response is detailed below:

Please note, that for each of the preceding Research Councils and Innovate UK there continues to be two Councils and for Research England one new Council. In our response we have
provided below links to new Council pages where the register currently exists. We are currently in the process of collating declarations and will be publishing UKRI wide in the near future. The UKRI website will be updated when this exercise is complete.

In response to your FOI request please see below links to online references to:

a) Disclosure of Interest of Non-Executive members of:
   a. UK Research and Innovation Board [We will be publishing UKRI wide in the near future];
   b. MRC Council [hyperlink to webpage publishing Council members declarations];
   c. ESRC Council [hyperlink to webpage publishing Council members declarations];
   d. AHRC Council [hyperlink to webpage publishing Council members declarations];
   e. NERC Council [hyperlink to webpage publishing Council members declarations];
   f. BBSRC Council [hyperlink to webpage publishing Council members declarations];
   g. EPSRC Council [hyperlink to webpage publishing Council members declarations];
   h. Research England RE is a new creation which became operational on 1st April. It’s first council meeting will be held on 6th June by which time it aims to have completed the disclosure process;
   i. Innovate UK The register is currently not available for Innovate UK. The Disclosures have been requested but not yet received. The register will be published and accessible in due course;
   j. STFC [hyperlink to webpage publishing Council members declarations];

b) The Executive Management Group members for the above (Not all Councils have published registers we have provided links where available. This will be updated when current declaration exercise is complete).
   a. UK Research and Innovation Board [We will be publishing UKRI wide in the near future];
   b. MRC Council A list of members of the UKRI MRC Executive Chair & Management Board is available on the MRC website at: https://mrc.ukri.org/about/our-structure/executive-chair-management-board/.
Declarations of interest for the UKRI Executive Chair & Management Board have not been routinely published.
   c. ESRC Council The Executive are asked annually to make any relevant declarations. Our current records show a nil return, as recorded in our latest Annual Report – page 71. [hyperlink to webpage];
d. AHRC Council  The Executive are asked annually to make any relevant declarations. Our current records show a nil return, as recorded in our latest Annual Report – page 59. [hyperlink to webpage];

e. NERC Council  [hyperlink to webpage publishing register for senior managers];

f. BBSRC Council  [hyperlink to webpage publishing register for senior managers];

g. EPSRC Council  The Executive are asked annually to make any relevant declarations. Our current records show a nil return, as recorded in our latest Annual Report – page 85. [hyperlink to webpage];

h. Research England  RE is a new creation which became operational on 1st April. It’s first council meeting will be held on 6th June by which time it aims to have completed the disclosure process;

i. Innovate UK  The register is currently not available for Innovate UK. The Disclosures have been requested but not yet received. The register will be published and accessible in due course;

k. STFC  [hyperlink to webpage publishing register for senior managers];

c) UKRI Disclosure of Interest Policy for its own governance structure members and those of its councils listed above (The UKRI Conflicts of Interest (CoI) policy is currently being updated and will be published in due course). NB as part of their induction UKRI Board members were referred to;

- The CABINET OFFICE CODE OF CONDUCT FOR BOARD MEMBERS OF PUBLIC BODIES [see link] ; and
- The CABINET OFFICE Governance Code on Public Appointments [see link]

I hope this answers your questions.

If you have any queries about this response please contact me, or if you are unhappy with the service you have received in relation to your request and wish to request a review of our decision, please write to:

Complaints Officer
UK Research and Innovation
Polaris House
North Star Avenue
Swindon
SN2 1FL
Email: foi@ukri.org

Please quote the reference number above in any future communications.
If you are still not content with the outcome of the 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:

Information Commissioner  
Wycliffe House,  
Water Lane  
Wilmslow  
Cheshire  
SK9 5AF

Enquiry/Information Line: Between 9am and 5pm Monday to Friday 0303 123 1113 or 01625 545745

Further information about the Office of the Information Commissioner can be found at http://www.ico.gov.uk/

Yours sincerely,

UK Research and Innovation, Information Governance Team

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