Dear [Name],

**Freedom of Information request: MRC audits of clinical trial registration and reporting - ref UKRI2018/0038**

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request submitted on the 8th May in which you requested the following information:

**Your Request:**

1. **How many audits of clinical trial registration and/or reporting has MRC conducted since January 2012? Please state the total number of audits, plus the title and date of each audit report.**

2. **Please provide a copy of the latest audit report on clinical trial registration and/or reporting.**

3. **Please provide a copy of the full data set underlying the latest audit report on clinical trial registration and/or reporting, including line-by-line audit results for each clinical trial.**

4. **Please provide the date on which MRC plans to complete its next audit report on clinical trial registration and/or reporting.**

**Our response:**

1. I can confirm that UKRI does hold the information that you have requested. Our response is detailed below:
1. How many audits of clinical trial registration and/or reporting has MRC conducted since January 2012? Please state the total number of audits, plus the title and date of each audit report.

Since January 2012, the MRC has undertaken three audits/reviews. The results have been made available on the MRC’s website at the following link - https://mrc.ukri.org/research/policies-and-guidance-for-researchers/review-of-clinical-trials/ and further details are provided below:

(i) The first review was undertaken in 2013 and the results were provided in oral evidence to the House of Commons Science and Technology Committee. The findings from this review are also summarised in the retrospective review update undertaken in 2018: *Update of the 2013 review of MRC clinical trials awards between 2009 and 2012 (29 January 2018)* which can be found on the MRC website here: https://mrc.ukri.org/documents/pdf/retrospective-review-2000-2012/

(ii) In 2017, the MRC published a further review: *MRC Clinical Trials Transparency Review – Final Report (November 2017)* which can be found on the MRC website here: https://mrc.ukri.org/documents/pdf/clinical-trials-review-2017/


2. Please provide a copy of the latest audit report on clinical trial registration and/or reporting.

All of the audit reports/reviews can be found on the MRC website at the links provided above.

3. Please provide a copy of the full data set underlying the latest audit report on clinical trial registration and/or reporting, including line-by-line audit results for each clinical trial.

The full data set underlying the audit/review report for 2017 has been made available on the MRC website at the links provided above. This is the most recent dataset produced and is provided instead of the datasets underlying the retrospective reviews covering earlier periods of MRC funding in 2000-2006 and 2009-2012.
4. Please provide the date on which MRC plans to complete its next audit report on clinical trial registration and/or reporting.

The MRC collects annual monitoring returns from researchers in February/March each year which is available to us for analysis in Autumn. We will use these data to undertake a further analysis later this year and plan to publish the results in the first quarter of 2019.

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:

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

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