Dear [Redacted],

Freedom of Information request: Annual Spend committed by the MRC to Multiple Sclerosis, HIV/AIDS & CFS/ME - ref UKRI – 2018-0047

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request submitted on the 18 May 2018 in which you requested the following:

Your Request:

I am a writing to request the following information:

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- Total annual spend committed by the Medical Research Council to the research of Multiple Sclerosis 2008-2018
- Total annual spend committed by the Medical Research Council to the research of HIV/AIDS annually 2008-2018
- Total annual spend committed by the Medical Research Council to the research of ME/CFS 2008-2018

Our response:

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

How the Medical Research Council supports research

The Medical Research Council (MRC) supports research in response to proposals from the academic community and welcomes high quality applications for support into any aspect of human health, which are judged in open competition with other demands on funding. The MRC does not normally allocate funds to particular topics and research proposals in all areas compete for the funding available. When appropriate, high quality research in particular areas of strategic importance may be given priority in competition for funds, but research excellence and importance to health continue to be the primary consideration in funding decisions.
Your request for information
Details of MRC spend into research into Multiple Sclerosis (MS), HIV/AIDS and Chronic fatigue syndrome or myalgic encephalomyelitis (CFS/ME) for the period 2007/08 to 2016/17 is provided in the table below.

Information on spend for 2017/18 is not currently available for analysis, therefore to provide you with ten years of data, we have provided information on spend from 2007/08. Further information on research studies we have funded in these areas, including research publications and other outputs can be found on UKRI Gateway to Research (http://gtr.ukri.org/).

Table 1: MRC research spend 2007/08 to 2016/17

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<th>Year</th>
<th>MRC spend on Multiple sclerosis Research £m</th>
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<td>2007/08</td>
<td>£3.14m</td>
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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:
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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,

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