Dear [Name],

Freedom of Information request: Simpler Project Antrim - ref UKRI – 2018/0081 IUK

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request submitted on the 6th July 2018 in which you requested the following:

Your Request:

Please can you answer the following questions about the S-IMPLER project in Antrim Northern Ireland which was funded by TSB/Innovate - [Link]:

1. Please can you provide a breakdown of the funding to each of the partners in the S-Impler project in Antrim and confirm whether or not the full funding was paid to each of the partners. I have heard that some of the partners withdrew from the project, or were unable to complete their work so please state if they returned the funding they received.

2. Please can you send me or tell me where I can access reports produced by each of the partners about the project and their contribution.

3. Please tell me where the results of this project will be published in the public domain.

4. Please provide details of the financial contribution from the various partners in the project including the industrial partner and materials suppliers.

5. Please provide details of who is carrying out an independent evaluation of the project and where their report is available and how this can be accessed.

6. Please provide details of the academics who worked on the project and whether any of them have published academic papers about the research or plan to?

Our response:

I can confirm that UKRI does hold the information that you have requested. Our response is detailed below.
1. The breakdown of funding awarded to each consortium organisation is provided [here](#). Not all organisations claimed their full awards. However, as is common on Innovate UK funded projects, each organisation claimed for funding quarterly after they incurred their expenses. Therefore no organisations had to return funding for expenses not incurred.

2&3. As is common on Collaborative Research & Development projects, dissemination activities were to be led by the project partners and we did not publically release a report. Therefore there is no public domain area where these may be found.

4. We hold information on the claims for eligible costs incurred by the project partners, which is not the same as the financial contribution from the various partners and materials suppliers in the project. The monetary funding awards made to each partner (Answer 1) are a proportion of each partner’s eligible costs which depends on the type and size of each partner organisation and the category for the project. The project was funded under the 2013 allowances for an industrial research project, under which large business partners attracted up to 50% public funding for their eligible project costs, SMEs attracted up to 60%, and academics attracted up to 80% of Full Economic Costs. These rates apply to the eligible costs of each partner, and do not account for additional financial contributions that may have been made by project partners and materials suppliers, and which the project partners are not obliged to report.

5. As is common on Collaborative Research & Development projects, we did not carry out an independent evaluation for public access.

6. The University of Huddersfield, the University of Salford, and Leeds Beckett University were awarded funding in this consortium (as per GtR listing). As is common on Collaborative Research & Development projects, UKRI does not publish the details of individual academics involved in CR&D projects and dissemination activities were to be led by the project partners.

From a quick web search we are aware that:

- University of Huddersfield has published this [website](#)
- Leeds Beckett has published this [website](#)
- University of Salford has published this [website](#)

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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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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Yours sincerely,

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