Sent by email:

Dear [Name]

Freedom of Information ref UKRI – 2018/0103

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request submitted on 2\textsuperscript{nd} August 2018 in which you requested the following:

**Your Request:**

Dear Science and Technology Facilities Council,

I am writing to you under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to request information regarding your organisation's diligence regarding cyber security.

1. Please may you inform me of how cyber or information security incidents were recorded by your organisation for the seven months from 1 January 2018 to 31 August 2018.

2. Please provide me with the initial incident report and the official outcome report for these incidents.

The information sought regards breaches or contraventions of cyber or information security which necessarily reveals wrongdoing, and it is in the public interest to understand their cause and effect.

I trust you will find that the presumption towards disclosure favours the release of the information sought.

With my sincerest thanks for your time,
Our response:

I can confirm UKRI does hold the information you requested.

1) Cyber & security incidents were recorded in a computerised log.

2) Releasing the information requested would prejudice the prevention or detection of crime as per Section 31(1)(a) FOIA 2000. Section 31(1)(a) is a qualified exemption and therefore subject to a public interest test.

Public interest in favour of disclosure:
- There is a public interest in favour of the release of the information, to uphold the principles of transparency and accountability, in disclosing information about government or public authority infrastructure and contracts.

Public interest test in favour of withholding the information:
- The release of this information would make UKRI more vulnerable to crime.
- The crime in question here would be a malicious attack on the UKRI’s computer systems.
- The release of this information would be seen to prejudice the prevention or detection of crime, by making the UKRI’s computer systems more vulnerable to hacking and therefore facilitate the possibility of a criminal offence being carried out.
- There is an overwhelming public interest in keeping government or public authority computer systems secure, which would be served by non-disclosure.

UKRI has reached the view that, on balance, the public interest is better served by withholding this information under section 31 (1) (a).

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  
Email: foi@ukri.org