Dear [Name],

Freedom of Information request: UKRI – 2018/0105

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

Your Request:

How much money has been allocated to the 7 research councils for the period 2016/17 to 2019/20?

Can you provide a breakdown of funding for each research council for the same period?

Do you have any data on how much money goes into animal research that benefits humans vs human-relevant Non-Animal Technologies (NATs) / research for the last 1-3 years, and going forward to 2020?

Our response:

About UK Research and Innovation

UK Research and Innovation is a new body which works in partnership with universities, research organisations, businesses, charities, and government to create the best possible environment for research and innovation to flourish.

Operating across the whole of the UK with a combined budget of more than £6 billion, UK Research and Innovation brings together the seven Research Councils, Innovate UK, and Research England. UK Research and Innovation into a single organisation that aims to ensure the UK maintains its world-leading position in research and innovation. For more information visit: https://www.ukri.org/about-us/.
Within our duty to advise and assist, I can confirm that information relating to how much money has been allocated to the research councils is publicly available and a breakdown of funding for each council for 2016/17 to 2019/20 can be found on the GOV.UK website.

I can also confirm that we do not hold information relating to how much money goes into animal research that benefits humans vs human-relevant Non-Animal Technologies (NATs) / research for the last 1-3 years, and to 2020. Further information on each of your questions can be found below:

**How much money has been allocated to the 7 research councils for the period 2016/17 to 2019/20?**

**Can you provide a breakdown of funding for each research council for the same period?**

The Department for Business, Energy & Industrial Strategy has overall responsibility for allocating funds to science, research and innovation budgets. In line with their obligations under the governments obligations for transparency and accountability, details of the allocation of funding for research and innovation made by the Government, at the beginning of the Spending Review, covering the period 2016/17 to 2020. This breakdown includes details of budgets allocated to all of the Research Councils and was published in March 2016. It is available at:


An updated version of the report, covering recent updates to allocated budgets for science, research and innovation until the end of the current Spending Review was published in July 2018 and is available at:


**Do you have any data on how much money goes into animal research that benefits humans vs human-relevant Non-Animal Technologies (NATs) / research for the last 1-3 years, and going forward to 2020?**

UK Research and Innovation provides funding for programmes and projects to address specific scientific questions. Some of this work may involve the use of animals in research, only where there is no practicable alternative. It is not currently possible to provide information on the allocation of funding into animal research that benefits humans vs human-relevant Non-Animal Technologies (NATs) as this information is not routinely collected and cannot easily be extracted and analysed from our awards data.

However, we do hold some information regarding the total research spend for projects funded by UKRI councils that involve an element of animal use.
Table 1: UK Research and Innovation total spend on research projects that involve an element of animal use, 2014/15 to 2017/18, by year and organisation, £k

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<td>Total</td>
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<td>MRC</td>
<td>£278,820k</td>
<td>£251,700k</td>
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<td>BBSRC</td>
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<td>EPSRC</td>
<td>£11,284k</td>
<td>£13,018k</td>
<td>£16,160k</td>
<td>£18,443k</td>
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<td>Innovate UK</td>
<td>£6,681k</td>
<td>£1,1095k</td>
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Notes to Table 1:
The MRC values are given as the total spend on research projects involving the use of animals. MRC data includes grants, fellowships, unit/institute research programmes, and partnerships and contributions where the use of animals has been identified. The spend on research involving animals comprises of the total project spend, it is not possible to provide information on the proportion of animal spend relating to animal use. Therefore, 2015/16 and 2016/17 figures do not include spend at the Francis Crick Institute whereas spend for 2014/15 does include spend at the National Institute for Medical Research. This is because costs for the Francis Crick Institute cannot be broken down on a programme by programme basis within the MRC. Values for spend in 2017-18 are not currently available.

EPSRC values are calculated on grants that have requested animal costs and so do not include grants that were awarded to projects where a partner is paying for animal experimentation costs. The values given are the spend for each grant/year based on total grant value as the direct animal research costs cannot be easily extracted. Therefore, not all the money is used for animal research.

Funding for Innovate UK is drawn from both IUK run thematic competitions and the various rounds of the Agri-Tech Catalyst IUK have been running with BBSRC.

Funding is also provided by UK Research and Innovation for research relating to the replacement, refinement and reduction of animals in research, the 3Rs. This includes funding provided to the National Centre for the National Centre for the Replacement, Refinement and Reduction of Animals in Research (NC3Rs) which was established by the Government to advance and promote the 3Rs in research and testing that uses animals.

Table 2: UK Research and Innovation funding to the National Centre for the Replacement, Refinement and Reduction of Animals in Research, 2014/15 to 2017/18, by year, £k

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<td>£11,689k</td>
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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
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
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Wilmslow
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SK9 5AF

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Yours sincerely,

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