Freedom of Information request: 2019/0084 IUK

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request received on 20th March 2019 in which you requested the following:

Your Request:

Could you please provide a breakdown of the total number of applications to Innovate UK per UK region between 2004 and 2019?

- East Midlands
- East of England
- London
- North East
- North West
- Northern Ireland
- Scotland
- South East
- South West
- Wales
- West Midlands
- Yorkshire and Humber

Ideally, it would be in a table format with a breakdown per year.

Our response:

I can confirm UK Research and Innovation hold information relevant to your request.

Please find the data table below in Annex 1, which covers July 2014 to present.

Information on the region of successful applicants can be found on Innovate UK’s transparency data using the link below; if you navigate to column W this shows the Address Region.

Innovate UK Funded Projects since 2004

1 https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/innovate-uk-funded-projects
For data prior to July 2014 we have determined that the analysis required to identify, extract and validate the relevant information would significantly exceed the appropriate limit of the FOIA as outlined under Section 12.

Section 12 of FOIA allows a public authority to refuse to deal with a request where it estimates that it would exceed the appropriate limit to: - either comply with the request in its entirety or; - confirm or deny whether the requested information is held. The estimate must be reasonable in the circumstances of the case. The appropriate limit is £450 for UKRI (18 Hours*£25= £450).

By our estimates, extracting this data would require individual interrogation of the content from 382 competition panels, and then for the data to be linked to the postcode address and assigned to the relevant area. A reasonable estimate of 25 minutes per competition would require, at a minimum, four working weeks to achieve.

Data prior to 2010 is not available, apart from what is already available in the transparency data, and Innovate UK did not exist as a Non-departmental Public Body in any form until it devolved from the Department of Trade and Industry in July 2007.

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,

[Redacted]
UK Research and Innovation, Information Governance Team
Email: foi@ukri.org
### Annex 1

*Total number of applications to Innovate UK, per UK region, from July 2014 to present*

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