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Freedom of Information request: 2019/0152 M

Thank you for your Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) request received on the 26th of June 2019 in which you requested the following:

Your request:

I am writing to enquire under the freedom of information act as to if the MRC or associated funding councils have received a proposal for funding in the last 12 months to support clinical investigations of the treatment of anti-neutrophil cytoplasm antibody-associated vasculitis (ANCA associated vasculitis or AAV)?

If such a proposal has been submitted, please can you provide to me via email a copy of the proposal as submitted?

If you are unable to provide a full copy of the proposal, please could you provide an anonymised copy of the proposal with names redacted.

If you are unable to provide an anonymised copy of the proposal, please could you provide as much detail surrounding the proposal as possible.

Our response

I can neither confirm nor deny whether UK Research and Innovation (UKRI), holds the information that you have requested.

We are not obliged to confirm or deny whether we hold the information you have requested as if held, this would relate to information provided in confidence. Section 41(2) of the FOIA provides that there is no duty to confirm or deny whether we hold the information.

The fact section 41(2) of the Act has been cited, should not be taken as an indication that the information you requested is or is not held by the department. The terms of this exemption in the FOIA mean that we do not have to consider whether or not it would be in the public interest for us to reveal whether or not the information is held.

If you have any queries regarding our response or you are unhappy with the outcome of your request and wish to seek a review of the decision, please contact:

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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:

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/>

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Yours sincerely,

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