REQUEST UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000

I am writing in response to the request you made to BBSRC under the Freedom of Information Act, which was received on 17 January 2017.

Statement of information requested

Under the Freedom of Information Act, I am seeking all communications (including letters, emails etc.) with Principal Investigator Luke Alphey regarding grant BBS/E/I/00001892 “Developing genetic control methods for arthropod vectors”:
http://gtr.rcuk.ac.uk/projects?ref=BBS/E/I/00001892

Background

The Biotechnology and Biological Sciences Research Council (BBSRC) is one of seven Research Councils that work together as Research Councils UK (RCUK). It is funded from the Government’s Department for Business, Innovation and Skills. BBSRC’s budget for 2014/15 was £509M and it supports around 1,600 scientists and 2,000 research students in universities and institutes in the UK. Information about BBSRC’s mission can be found on our website at http://www.bbsrc.ac.uk/organisation/mission.aspx.

UK Shared Business Services (UK SBS) provides a range of services, including IT, to BBSRC and other public sector organisations. UK SBS enters contracts on its clients behalf and provides services to them.

Duty to confirm or deny

BBSRC does not hold the information requested.

Requested Information

BBS/E/I/0001892 is a research project that is being conducted at a BBSRC strategically-funded Institute. The project is supported through a larger Institute Strategic Programme Grant (ISPG) awarded by BBSRC to The Pirbright Institute (formerly known as the Institute of Animal Health). It was not funded as an individual BBSRC grant.

The Pirbright Institute provides BBSRC with a detailed breakdown of how it is using its ISPG funding on an annual basis. This includes details of the individual research projects that are being supported by each ISPG. The information on these institute projects is made publicly available via Gateway to Research.

The nature of the ISPG funding model means that BBSRC would not normally communicate with researchers at the individual institute project level. In the case of institute project BBS/E/I/00001892, BBSRC does not have correspondence with Professor Luke Alphey regarding the project.

If you have any further questions, please contact me quoting the reference number above.

Yours sincerely

BBSRC Freedom of Information Officer
Complaints Process

If you are dissatisfied with how we have handled your request, you may register a formal complaint with the BBSRC Complaints Officer at complaints.officer@bbsrc.ac.uk, who will conduct an internal review.

If you are not happy with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner, Information Commissioner’s Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF, Tel: 01625 545 745, https://ico.org.uk/.