25 April 2017

Reference number: Fol 336

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 Tuesday 4 April 2017.

Statement of information requested

I wonder if you could help please - I’m interested in understanding the answer to the following questions:

- How large is your organisation in terms of employees? An estimate is acceptable thank you.
- What is your single Corporate Objective, or how you would describe your reason for existing?
- What role does Technology play in supporting that objective?
- Do you have a Chief Information Officer or Chief Technology Officer and could you tell me how best to contact them please?
- Do you have an IT Strategy and/or Digital Strategy and if so could you share them please?
- Are you part of a larger organisation or government body, and if so – who?

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 hold the information requested.

Requested Information

The information you request is already in the public domain. Please use the links below (BBSRC website) to access this information.

http://www.bbsrc.ac.uk/news/accounts/ - this link will take you to the annual report, which will answer your question regarding the size of the organisation and number of employees. It will also give you information regarding BBSRC.

http://www.bbsrc.ac.uk/about/ - this link will give you further information regarding BBSRC including our objective, vision and mission statement.
BBSRC holds a full disclosure log for Freedom of Information. The following link will take you to previous responses where your questions regarding technology have already been answered. In particular I would like to draw your attention to responses 299, 310 and 332.

http://www.bbsrc.ac.uk/about/openness-transparency/freedom-of-information/bbsrc-responses/

The Chief Information/Technology Officer is the Associate Director, Information, Mr Paul Chitson.

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

Yours sincerely

BBSRC Freedom of Information Officer

Publication: please note that this response to your request may be published on a public website.

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/.