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Reference: FOI210126CAM	
Details of the request:	Our assessment:
I am writing to you under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to request the following information from the University regarding Knowledge Exchange activities:	
1. What is the expenditure on KEF Staff salaries?	Expenditure on staff on the KE academic career pathway: £4,643,565
2. How many staff members' role is directly linked to KEF? Has this number been increasing/decreasing?	Staff on the KE academic career pathway: 102 increasing (94 in Jan 2020)
3. What type of activities do you report to KEF?	This information is available online and therefore falls within s.21 of the Freedom of Information Act as the information is already accessible: https://re.ukri.org/knowledge-exchange/knowledge-exchange-framework/
4. What is the 'impact' of KEF activities? How do you quantify their 'impact'?	Research England largely use income as a proxy measure for the impact of KE activities across the HE sector, and this income data is captured annually through the Higher Education Business and Community Interaction Survey (HE-BCIS), and will be made publicly available through the KEF. UAL holds top-level income figures for this, and this data reported annually to HESA.

	KE activities also create economic, social, cultural and environmental impacts, and that there are different methodologies for quantifying such impacts. However, UAL does not hold this information at the institutional level.
5. What is the annual expenditure on tracking/reporting Knowledge Exchange activities?	UAL does not have dedicated expenditure on tracking/reporting KE activities that could accurately be identified or extrapolated from wider operational support costs for KE.
6. What is the annual expenditure on IT software relating to REF, TEF and KEF?	UAL has no annual expenditure on KEF or TEF-specific IT systems. UAL spends approximately £50,000 annually on software purchased for REF, the software is not exclusively used for REF.