

**Freedom of  
Information  
Decision Notice**

<b>SUMMARY</b>	
<b>APPLICANT</b>	J P Sturgeon
<b>REF NUMBER</b>	FOI-56-22
<b>SCOPE</b>	<p>UK Research and Innovation [UKRI] have recognized concern regarding the impact measuring service Researchfish, as per their tweet:</p> <p><a href="https://twitter.com/UKRI_News/status/1504828822377709569?s=20&amp;t=xqCKyawljHxBsTeb7PmmlA">https://twitter.com/UKRI_News/status/1504828822377709569?s=20&amp;t=xqCKyawljHxBsTeb7PmmlA</a></p> <p>Researchfish (also known as Researchfish by Interfolio) is a Research tracking and impact measuring tool used by some academic funders.</p> <p>I therefore would like to ask:</p> <p>1) Do you have any commercial or financial relationship with Researchfish? - If so, please provide i) a summary of the services provided ii) the financial cost of the services provided</p> <p>2) Do you keep any records or place any obligations on your academics/departments to interact/cooperate with Researchfish? - If so please provide: i) The obligations which you require your academics to fulfill ii) the type of information you keep on your academics or departments with regard to researchfish iii) A summary of the Researchfish completion rates by department</p>
<b>DECISION MAKER</b>	Sophie Cole
<b>DECISION DATE</b>	14 April 2022

## **Decision**

I, Sophie Cole, Information Governance Officer, dealt with your request for information received by the University of Wolverhampton (University) in accordance with the *Freedom of Information Act 2000* (FOIA).

I can confirm, the requested information is held by the University of Wolverhampton in full and I have decided to disclose the requested information in full.

Please refer to the subsequent pages of this Decision Notice for further clarification on my decision.

Sophie Cole  
Information Governance Officer  
14 April 2022

## Background & Scope of Application

On 20 March 2022, the University of Wolverhampton received J P Sturgeon's FOI application, requesting the following:

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- [https://twitter.com/UKRI\\_News/status/1504828822377709569?s=20&t=xqCKyawljHxBsTeb7PmmIA](https://twitter.com/UKRI_News/status/1504828822377709569?s=20&t=xqCKyawljHxBsTeb7PmmIA)
- Researchfish (also known as Researchfish by Interfolio) is a Research tracking and impact measuring tool used by some academic funders.
- I therefore would like to ask:
  - 1) Do you have any commercial or financial relationship with Researchfish?
    - If so, please provide
      - i) a summary of the services provided
      - ii) the financial cost of the services provided
  - 2) Do you keep any records or place any obligations on your academics/departments to interact/cooperate with Researchfish?
    - If so please provide:
      - i) The obligations which you require your academics to fulfill
      - ii) the type of information you keep on your academics or departments with regard to researchfish
      - iii) A summary of the Researchfish completion rates by department

## Search for Documents

Based on the original scope of this request, I conducted a search of the University of Wolverhampton's records to determine whether the requested information can be provided to J P Sturgeon in response to the original application, dated 20 March 2022.

The following searches were undertaken:

- Consultation with the University of Wolverhampton's Finance Directorate.

## Decision

In accordance with Section 1(1)(a) of the FOIA, I can confirm, the requested information is held by the University of Wolverhampton in full and I have decided to disclose the requested information in full.

Please find the requested information contained within Schedule 1 of this Decision Notice.

## Right of Review

If you are dissatisfied with our response, please contact us with the details of your dispute via email at [FOI@wlv.ac.uk](mailto:FOI@wlv.ac.uk) and we will conduct an internal review of our response.

If you are still dissatisfied with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right of complaint to the Information Commissioner at the following address: <https://ico.org.uk/>

## **Schedule 1**

### **Question 1**

No

### **Question 2**

No