

8th February 2019

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Dear Mr Evans,

Freedom of Information request: 2019/0001

Thank you for your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request received on 4 January 2019, which is detailed below. We apologise for the delay in getting back to you but needed additional time to be able to fully review the file contents, before responding.

Your Request:

A copy of the following file which you hold:

S819/23 UK National Coordinating for Coordinating for Epidemiological Research on Aids: Setting Up.

Our response:

Please find attached an electronic copy of the file S819/23 UK National Coordinating for Epidemiological Research on Aids: Setting Up.

The file covers the period 1985-1986 and relates to the work of the MRC Working Party on AIDS in identifying areas for research and investigation into AIDS and LAV/HTLV3 infection. This includes a proposal to set up a UK Centre for Co-ordinating Epidemiological Research on AIDS.

A small amount of information has been redacted under Sections 40(2) of the FOIA because it comprises of personal information. This includes the following:

- the names of external scientific experts who provided, or were approached to provide, independent advice but who did not serve as a member of the MRC Working Party on AIDS, the AIDS Subcommittee on Epidemiological Studies of the AIDS Subcommittee on Therapeutic Studies;
- the names of researchers and details of their research proposals which we have been unable to establish were funded; and
- the names of MRC staff (the names of senior MRC staff have been provided).

If you have any queries about this response please contact me, or if you are unhappy with the service you have received in relation to your request and wish to request a review of our decision, please write to:

Complaints Officer

UK Research and Innovation
Polaris House
North Star Avenue
Swindon
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Email: foi@ukri.org

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
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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/>

Yours sincerely,

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