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Dear [Redacted]

Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Information request (ref: FOI_17-294)

We have now considered your request of 28 November 2017 for UEA’s relationship with UKCAT and our response to a prior request by yourself.

Our response is on page 2 of this letter, together with a copy of your request and within the attached document entitled FOI_17-294 Appendix A.

On this occasion it is not possible to provide all the requested information. In line with your rights under section 1(1)(a) of the Act to be informed whether information is held, we confirm that the University does not hold information relevant to several elements of your request. Further information is on page 3 of this letter.

Additionally, the Act contains a number of exemptions that allow public authorities to withhold certain information from release. We have applied the following exemption(s) to part of your request.

Exemption	Reason
s.40(2), Personal information	Disclosure of information would contravene one of the data protection principles

In line with s.40(2) of the Act we have removed certain personal data from the document entitled FOI_17-294 Appendix A.

We believe that the signature of Dr Sam Leinster within this document is ‘personal data’, as defined by section 1(1) of the Data Protection Act 1998 (DPA).

We believe that disclosure of the information relating to individuals would be against the first data protection principle under the DPA; namely that information must be fairly and lawfully processed, and that the processing also meets one of the conditions set out in Schedule 2 of that Act. We do not have consent for the release of this information, and in this case we do not consider disclosure of the data to be necessary under any of the other conditions of Schedule 2.

Where information has been removed from the accompanying file in accordance with s.40(2), we have replaced the text with a black rectangle.

We hope this information will meet your requirements, however if you are not satisfied you have the right of appeal. If you wish to appeal, please set out in writing your reasons for appealing and send to the above address. You must appeal within 60 calendar days of the date of this letter. Any appeal received after that date will not be considered nor acknowledged. This policy has been reviewed and approved by the Information Commissioner's Office.

You also have a subsequent right of appeal to the Information Commissioner's Office. Further information is available on their website:

https://ico.org.uk/Global/contact_us, or by telephone on 0303 123 1113.

Please note that any material over which UEA has copyright is released on the understanding that you will comply with all relevant copyright rules regarding reproduction and/or transmission of the information provided.

Please quote our reference given at the head of this letter in all correspondence.

Yours sincerely

Dave Palmer
Information Policy and Compliance Manager
University of East Anglia

Response to Freedom of Information Act 2000 request (FOI_17-294)

(1) The un-signed un-dated un-named document does not constitute a contract (re my FOI Request).

(i) Please state whom within UEA entered in the 'agreement' with UKCAT Consortium Limited? And on what date was the person given full executive authority of UEA to enter into the 'agreement'?

Professor Sam Leinster, then Dean of the School of Medicine, Health Policy & Practice, applied on behalf of UEA to become a member of UKCAT consortium.

Professor Leinster became Dean of the School on 1 August 2004 with authority to sign on behalf of the School.

(ii) Please clarify why the 'agreement' document you have provided is not signed or dated and does not contain the names of the parties? And, given that 'UEA does not hold a signed and dated copy', where is the signed/dated copy held?

[Information not held - s.1(1)(a), Freedom of Information Act]

We have no recorded information to indicate why the document provided to date is not signed nor dated nor contains the names of signatories. We can also confirm that UEA does not hold a signed or dated copy of the agreement with UKCAT nor any recorded information as to where a signed and dated copy may be held.

(2) With respect to your response: 'both parties acknowledge this version as the most recent revision applicable to the 2017 and 2018 admissions process':

(i) Please provide me with a full copy of the correspondence between UEA and UKCAT Consortium Limited (a) conveying the 'agreement' document to UEA, and (b) including the confirmation by the parties in respect of the declaration that you have stated ('both parties acknowledge this version as the most recent revision applicable to the 2017 and 2018 admissions process')..

[Information not held - s.1(1)(a), Freedom of Information Act]

We do not hold any email that conveyed any of the document agreements to UEA nor any recorded information to confirm that the version provided was applicable to the 2017 and 2018 admission processes. Such agreements were verbal.

(ii) Please provide a copy of the previous versions of the 'agreement' (given that you state that the one you have supposed is the 'most recent revision'); including full copy of correspondence between UEA and UKCAT Consortium Limited conveying the earlier version(s) to UEA.

Our response is within the attached document entitled FOI_17-294 Appendix A. This includes a letter from Professor Sam Leinster to UKCAT and the prior version of the agreement document.

[Information not held - s.1(1)(a), Freedom of Information Act]

We do not hold any correspondence between UEA and UKCAT Consortium Limited conveying the earlier version of the document to UEA.