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FOI Request dated **20/03/2022** as follows -

UK Research and Innovation [UKRI] have recognized concern regarding the impact measuring service Researchfish, as per their tweet:
https://twitter.com/UKRI_News/status/1504828822377709569?s=20&t=xqCKyawIjHxBsTeb7PmmIA
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

Response

1) Do you have any commercial or financial relationship with Researchfish? - **Yes**
- If so, please provide
i) a summary of the services provided **- ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION for E-val researchfish platform. Paid for by R&I but utilised most by Library services.**
ii) the financial cost of the services provided - **£3948 IN CURRENT FINANCIAL YEAR**

2) Do you keep any records or place any obligations on your academics/departments to interact/cooperate with Researchfish**? - No we do not keep any records but academics as part of their terms and conditions on grant awards are required to submit reports through researchfish every year so we do our best to make sure academics cooperate with the terms of their awards by chasing them via email and reminding them that their annual Researchfish return is due and their obligations to complete it in order to comply with their funder's requirements. The university doesn't obligate them, the funders terms and conditions do, and they can impose sanctions for non-compliance.**
- If so please provide: **n/a**
i) The obligations which you require your academics to fulfil **– Annual reporting requirements through the researchfish system as requested by funders**

ii) the type of information you keep on your academics or departments with regard to researchfish **– We monitor submission rates to ensure compliance and any funder sanctions put in place for non-compliance.**
iii) A summary of the Researchfish completion rates by department –

EEI 62.5%
FACE 100%
FBLP 100%
FHS 89%
FOSE 100%
R&I 100%