

Thank you very much for your e-mail dated 7th November 2022 made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, which was received on 7th November 2022 for records held by Genomics England. I've set out the response below with a little more context but if you have any further questions please get in touch.

a) How many applications have been made to the Access Review Committee (ARC) since the start of 2019?

ARC has delegated its approval function for academic data requests coming in via the GECIPs to the internal Research Management team. Therefore ARC doesn't individually review applications coming in via this route: it reviews the domains and their overall research plans but the Research Management team manage individual applications.

ARC does review all commercial applications though, so the numbers for ARC are reflective of this set up. And I can confirm:

78 commercial applications have been submitted and approved by ARC since 2019.
451 academic and clinical researchers have also had their applications approved through the research management team.

b) How many applications have been successful and how many have been rejected in this time period?

All applications through ARC have been approved, there have been no cases that have been rejected. The usual procedure is, applications get reviewed by ARC and if the committee is not happy to approve the application, they will ask for more information until they are happy to approve it.

c) What are the reasons for rejection?

None. If an application is asked for more information, this is usually to do with public and participant involvement (PPI) engagement.

d) What proportion of accepted applications were from researchers working for commercial companies?

Please see response to a)

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Kind regards