Special Inquiry into Regenerative Medicine Research

Terms of Reference

Introduction

This paper sets out the terms of reference for a special inquiry into regenerative medicine research (the Inquiry) at UCL. The Inquiry was instigated by the Vice Provost (Research) in June 2016.

The Inquiry is separate to UCL’s Procedure for investigating and resolving allegations of misconduct in academic research and any HR procedures, however, the outcome(s) of the Inquiry may result in these procedures being instigated.

The purpose is to provide an independent inquiry to establish the full facts of UCL’s regenerative medicine research and UCL’s relationship to Paolo Macchiarini and the Karolinska Institute.

Terms of reference

1. To provide the Vice Provost (Research) with an independent report on the full facts of UCL’s involvement in regenerative medicine research.
2. To report on UCL’s relationship with Paolo Macchiarini and the Karolinska Institute in Sweden.
3. To review and comment on the procedures followed for ethical approvals received for UCL’s regenerative medicine research, particularly in cases where there have been trials involving people and animals.
4. To review and comment on the evidence base for the use of POSS-PCU and artificial scaffolds, taking account of data used in trials of this material.
5. To consider any other factors relevant to the Inquiry or requested by the Vice Provost (Research)
6. To make recommendations to the Vice Provost (Research) as a result of the findings of the Inquiry.

Inquiry Team

The Inquiry will be chaired and led by Professor Stephen Wigmore, Professor of Transplantation Surgery and Honorary Consultant Surgeon, University of Edinburgh).

The following additional inquiry team members have also been appointed by the Vice Provost (Research):-

- Professor Alicia El Haj, Professor of Cell Engineering, Keele University;
- Professor David Tosh, Professor of Stem Cell & Regenerative Biology, University of Bath;
- Professor Marc Turner, Professor of Cellular Therapy; Medical Director of the Scottish National Blood Transfusion Service
- Professor Pankaj Vadgama, Professor of Clinical Biochemistry, Queen Mary University of London
Edward Payne has been appointed as secretary to the Inquiry by the UCL Registrar.

**Method of Inquiry**

The method of Inquiry will be determined at the discretion of the Inquiry Chair.

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