Special Inquiry into Regenerative Medicine Research

Call for Evidence

An independent special inquiry to establish the full facts of UCL’s regenerative medicine research and UCL’s relationship to Paolo Macchiarini and the Karolinska Institute has now been formally constituted. The members of the Inquiry are:

CHAIR
Professor Stephen Wigmore, Professor of Transplantation Surgery and Honorary Consultant Surgeon, University of Edinburgh;

Members
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
Pankaj Vadgama, Professor of Clinical Biochemistry and Director of IRC in Biomedical Materials, Queen Mary University of London

This is a link to the Inquiry’s Terms of Reference.

The first stage of the Inquiry is fact finding. During this preliminary stage the Inquiry will:

- seek, gather in and review documentary evidence;
- identify potential witnesses and invite them to provide evidence to the Inquiry.

The Inquiry has no power to compel anyone to provide evidence to it but encourages all those with knowledge of the events under investigation to come forward and share that knowledge with the Inquiry. (Details of how to provide a written statement are set out below). Where, having considered the information provided to it, the Inquiry members believe that it would assist with their deliberations to hear evidence directly from any individual it will invite him/her to do attend a meeting of the Inquiry to do so.

The inquiry is aiming to report in Summer 2017, at which time a full report of the findings will be made publicly available.

Important Information – Please Read Carefully

Please be aware that evidence provided to the Inquiry is not protected by any form of privilege. Accordingly, you must not defame any person, breach any obligation of confidentiality that you may owe to a third party or incriminate yourself in any way.

The Inquiry does not intend to publish written statements received and oral evidence will be heard in private. You should be aware, however, that the Inquiry reserves the right to:

- name all (or any) of those individuals and organisations who have provided statements, information or other evidence to it; and

- refer to, attribute and quote from written statements and evidence provided to it in its Report.

In addition the Inquiry and/or UCL may be required by law, or either or both may choose, to disclose information it holds to third parties including regulatory bodies and/or law enforcement agencies in the United Kingdom and/or elsewhere. In short, the Inquiry and
UCL cannot, and they do not, guarantee that information provided by you will be kept confidential.

If you have any concerns about the evidence that you wish to share with the Inquiry you should take legal advice before doing so.

Provision of Written Statements

Individuals who have knowledge of facts or circumstances that may be relevant to the Inquiry are invited (and encouraged) to provide written statements together with any supporting documentary evidence to the Inquiry.

To assist with the collation of evidence, all statements should be provided in the Provision of Written Statement form. The form is divided into two parts:

**Part 1 - Contact details**  
it is imperative that you provide your full name, address and contact details in order that the Inquiry may contact you. The Inquiry may also wish to verify your identity in due course.

**Part 2 - Statement of Facts**  
your statement should provide as full an explanation as possible of the knowledge you have including details of relevant dates, places and people involved. However, please read the Terms of Reference carefully and endeavour to ensure that the information you provide falls within the scope of the Inquiry. If you have supporting documentary evidence please include that with your statement.

Whilst there is no limit on the length of your statement please be as concise as possible.

Written statements should be signed and sent, together with any supporting documentary evidence, by post on or before 5pm on 7th April 2017 to the following address:

**Dr Edward Payne, Secretary to the Special Inquiry,**  
Registrar’s Office, 9th Floor 1-19 Torrington Place, London, WC1E 7HB.

Whilst not essential it would also greatly assist the Inquiry if soft copies could be sent by email to the following email address: edward.payne@ucl.ac.uk.

If you require assistance in preparing your written statement please send an email to edward.payne@ucl.ac.uk with the subject “Written Statement – Request for Assistance”.

Please provide you name, address and a contact telephone number. You will be contacted shortly thereafter to arrange a suitable time and place for you to be interviewed and for your statement to be taken. Shortly after the interview you will be sent a transcript for review. Provided that you agree that it is an accurate record of your views you will be asked to sign and return the statement to the Inquiry in a pre-paid envelope.

Hearing Evidence

Once the Inquiry has reviewed all statements and documentary evidence received you may be asked to provide further oral evidence to the Inquiry, for example, in order to clarify a particular issue. Please be aware, however, that the provision of a written statement does not mean that you will necessarily be asked to give evidence to the Inquiry. Further information regarding the hearing of evidence will be published in due course.

Dr Edward Payne  
Secretary to the Inquiry  
23 March 2017