



24 November 2021

Dear [REDACTED],

**Freedom of Information request: FOI2021/00496**

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request received on the 15 November in which you requested the following:

**Your request:**

*I am emailing today in the hopes of enquiring to the status of the Arcadia trial, in relation to drug AZD1656.*

*There are a number of national and international interested parties in this trial and the progress has now been thrown even more into the spotlight by the recent "Merck pill" development.*

*The last results came over 2 months ago, on 9th September where the public were told that the results of Phase 2 had been successful and immediate commercial discussions for licensing or fundraising for Phase 3 would begin. This had been expected as the narrative for the last year had been that commercialisation was always on the cusp and awaiting confirmation of Phase 2.*

*I would like to understand how this vital trial has progressed in the last 2 months and whether there is any information you are able to provide.*

**Our response:**

I can confirm UK Research and Innovation (UKRI) do not hold information relevant to your request. Please see the information below.

Innovate UK (IUK) initially [funded project 72965 from the UKRI Ideas to Address COVID-19 competition](#)<sup>1</sup>, which we believe to be the "Arcadia trial" referred to in your request.

The Innovation Lead of this competition has confirmed that IUK funded the initial trial, however, they have not funded anything in the last two months. IUK only monitored this project until the closing date, which concluded in June 2021 and the final IUK monitoring report was submitted in July 2021. The project has received its final payment and has been formally closed on IUK's system.

Therefore, information on this project is not held by IUK past July 2021, prior to the last results that you refer to on 9 September 2021.

More information about the Arcadia Clinical Trial is available via their [website](#)<sup>2</sup> and contact information for the project applicant, St George Street, is available [here](#)<sup>3</sup>.

<sup>1</sup> [https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/978784/Competition\\_Results\\_-\\_UKRI\\_Ideas\\_to\\_Address\\_COVID-19\\_-\\_Innovate\\_UK\\_Article\\_25\\_Funding\\_Strand.pdf#page=5](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/978784/Competition_Results_-_UKRI_Ideas_to_Address_COVID-19_-_Innovate_UK_Article_25_Funding_Strand.pdf#page=5)

<sup>2</sup> <https://arcadiatrial.org/>

<sup>3</sup> <https://arcadiatrial.org/#about-us>

If you have any queries regarding our response or you are unhappy with the outcome of your request and wish to seek an internal review of the decision, please contact:

Head of Information Governance

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Please quote the reference number above in any future communications.

If you are still not content with the outcome of the internal review, you may apply to refer the matter to the Information Commissioner for a decision. Generally, the ICO cannot make a decision unless you have exhausted the review procedure provided by UKRI. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: <http://www.ico.gov.uk/>

If you wish to raise a complaint regarding the service you have received or the conduct of any UKRI staff in relation to your request, please see UKRI's complaints policy: <https://www.ukri.org/about-us/policies-and-standards/complaints-policy/>

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