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Freedom of Information request: FOI2020/00317

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request received on the 24 September and your subsequent refinement of 24 November in which you confirmed how you would like to refine question 1 to bring it under the appropriate limit and for providing some additional information. Details of your original request and refinement are as follows:

Your request:

ORIGINAL REQUEST:

I request the following information regarding Martin Hunt, Programme Director of NIHR Invention for Innovation (i4i) and Prof Paul Sibbons, Deputy Chair of NIHR's Invention for Innovation Funding Committee:

- 1. Has Martin Hunt or Paul Sibbons ever served on an Innovate UK (IUK) panel?*
- 2. Did Martin Hunt or Paul Sibbons serve on the IUK panel that was involved in awarding (i) the 'Inspire' grant to Videregen in 2014 (funding for Phase 1 trachea transplant trial), or (ii) any subsequent award to Videregen?*
- 3. Has Martin Hunt or Paul Sibbons ever acted as a reviewer for any of Videregen's funding proposals?*

CLARIFICATION:

Thank you for your email. As you suggest, I would like to refine my request by limiting the scope of question 1. My modified question 1 is as follows:

- 1. Did Martin Hunt serve on any of the IUK panels that awarded grants to the company ORTHOX? (please see the following link for the 8 IUK awards to this company: <https://gtr.ukri.org/organisation/0BF93FD5-4F28-40F9-A834-DB41C3C298CF>)*

I request that questions 2 and 3 stand. The 3 IUK grants that I am inquiring about here are listed on this link: <https://gtr.ukri.org/organisation/C75DBE12-EC78-4EBD-A550-CC6E587E1171>

Our response

I can confirm UK Research and Innovation (UKRI) holds some of the information relating to your request. Please see the information below.

- 1. Did Martin Hunt serve on any of the IUK panels that awarded grants to the company ORTHOX? (please see the following link for the 8 IUK awards to this company).*

We can confirm that Martin Hunt did not serve on any of the Innovate UK panels against the 8 grants listed for Orthox Limited (detailed in the above UKRI Gateway to Research link).

- 2. Did Martin Hunt or Paul Sibbons serve on the IUK panel that was involved in awarding (i) the 'Inspire' grant to Videregen in 2014 (funding for Phase 1 trachea transplant trial), or (ii) any subsequent award to Videregen?*

(i) No, neither Martin Hunt nor Paul Sibbons were part of the panel involved in awarding the 'Inspire' grant to Videregen in 2014.

(ii) No, neither Martin Hunt nor Paul Sibbons were part of the panel involved in awarding in subsequent award(s) to Videregen.

3. Has Martin Hunt or Paul Sibbons ever acted as a reviewer for any of Videregen's funding proposals?

This information is not held as Innovate UK uses assessors as part of their assessment process. Details of Innovate UK's assessment process is outlined in the [Guidance for organisations applying for Innovate UK's funding opportunities](#)¹.

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Yours sincerely,


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¹<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/innovation-apply-for-a-funding-award>