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14 June 2022

Dear [REDACTED],

**Freedom of Information request: FOI2022/00175**

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request received on the 12 May relating to the UK Covid-19 Antivirals and Therapeutics Taskforce. In your request you asked the following:

**Your request:**

*Under the Freedom of Information Legislation*

- 1. I kindly request all minutes in relation to meetings of UK - CTAP and the sub groups of UK- CTAP during which the medication ivermectin was discussed in the context of Covid-19 from the commencement of the pandemic until the present day.*
- 2. I would like copies of all communications between UK - CTAP and its sub groups to UK REMAP CAP in relation to ivermectin from the commencement of the pandemic until the present day.*
- 3. I would like UK REMAP CAP to give the full reason why UK clinical trials of ivermectin for Covid 19 were halted.*

**Our response**

I can confirm UK Research and Innovation (UKRI) does hold some information relevant to your request. Please see the information below.

1. Minutes of CTAP meetings and subgroups discussing Ivermectin:  
We would like to begin by advising that UK CTAP maintain a [record of decisions](#)<sup>1</sup> as opposed to minutes, and these have been published at the link provided above. For ease of reference, Ivermectin was discussed at the UK CTAP meeting of 10 February 2021.

2. Communications between UK CTAP and/or it's subgroups and REMAP CAP relating to Ivermectin:  
Before advising on whether relevant information is held, we would like to begin by providing some background information on UK CTAP and REMAP CAP.

[UK CTAP](#)<sup>2</sup> is an independent panel which considered potential Covid-19 treatments, proposed by researchers, through an open nominations process. Secretariat support is provided by UKRI's Medical Research Council (MRC). Further information on UK CTAP, including Panel membership and Subgroup chairs, can be found at the link provided.

[REMAP CAP](#)<sup>3</sup> is a multisite, multi-investigator trial. Professor Anthony Gordon is the Principal Investigator. Further information relating to REMAP CAP can be found at the link provided.

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.ukri.org/about-us/policies-standards-and-data/data-collection/uk-covid-19-therapeutics-advisory-panel/uk-ctap-records-of-decisions/>

<sup>2</sup> <https://www.ukri.org/about-us/policies-standards-and-data/data-collection/uk-covid-19-therapeutics-advisory-panel/>

<sup>3</sup> <https://www.remapcap.org/>

No information is held involving communications between UK CTAP and its Subgroups and the REMAP CAP trial relating to Ivermectin.

Information is held relating to meeting invitations from the MRC Secretariat team, inviting representative from REMAP CAP to observe panel meetings, but these communications are not specific to Ivermectin. The MRC Secretariat team have also received periodic updates from REMAP CAP, but none of these are specific to Ivermectin.

As UKRI, and the MRC Secretariat team would only expect to hold information relating to CTAP and Subgroup activities, no information is held on any involvement individual CTAP or Subgroup members may have engaged with REMAP CAP in any other capacity.

3. Information from REMAP CAP on the halting of trials of Ivermectin:  
UK CTAP does not fund the REMAP CAP trial. As such we do not hold information on the full reason why UK clinical trials of Ivermectin for Covid 19 were halted in REMAP CAP.

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:

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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: [www.ico.org.uk](http://www.ico.org.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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