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Freedom of Information Act request, Patient Safety Watch, IMPFOI-23-492, Imperial College response

1) What funding did the Institute of Global Health Innovation receive from the organisation Patient Safety Watch to produce the report “National State of Patient Safety 2022”?

Imperial College received £50,000 from Patient Safety Watch (PSW) to produce the report. This amount did not cover the actual costs incurred by Imperial College for this work, the difference was treated as a donation in kind by the College and its researchers towards the project.

2) Please disclose if Jeremy Hunt or Patient Safety Watch in any way commissioned or directed the contents or study objectives of the report “National State of Patient Safety 2022”. If so, please disclose how, and disclose any relevant documentation which shows how he directed the study objectives and execution.

As with any other funder who commissions us to produce a policy report, we discussed and agreed the objectives and structure of the output in advance and shared advanced drafts for review prior to publication to confirm that the agreed objectives had been met.

3) Please disclose the correspondence between Patient Safety Watch and the Institute of Global Health Innovation/ Imperial College London about the establishment and conduct of the project.

The establishment and conduct of the project was determined through our Research Grant Agreement, which specifies the following:

- This programme of work will aim to develop a report titled ‘The National State of Patient Safety’.
- The Host Institution, through its Institute of Global Health Innovation and the NIHR Imperial Patient Safety Translational Research Centre, will conduct research and summarise evidence that can inform policymakers and healthcare leaders as they seek to reduce harm in healthcare.
- The ‘National State of Patient Safety’ report will incorporate the presentation of data and narrative description, alongside the analysis of datasets where appropriate to provide an overview of the current status of the safety of healthcare in England.

The proposed project had been discussed for a number of years before it got to the point of a firm agreement. There would be a significant amount of correspondence. The College is refusing to disclose all of the correspondence as requested in questions 2 and 3 in reliance on Section 14 of the Freedom of Information Act because it would be disproportionately burdensome to collate and review for relevance all of the correspondence in light of the lack of public interest in the specific information sought, i.e. every item of correspondence on this topic. We believe that any public interest in the College’s agreement with PSW is satisfied by the information provided above and elsewhere in this response to your request.

4) Please disclose in what way the Institute of Global Health Innovation “partnered” with Patient Safety Watch, as per the comment in James Titcombe’s foreword in the report “National State of Patient Safety 2022”? What did “partnered” mean and/or comprise?

The Institute of Global Health Innovation received funding from PSW and have donated their time and expertise to the project as a donation in kind. Both parties have jointly disseminated the report and its findings.

5) Has the Institute of Global Health Innovation received any other funding from Patient Safety Watch or from Jeremy Hunt MP, and if so, please disclose the full details including amounts, dates and purpose of any funding.

PSW has also funded another report, ‘The Global State of Patient Safety’ on the same terms as the National State of Patient Safety report.

6) Has the Institute of Global Health Innovation/ Imperial College London entered into any further joint ventures with Patient Safety Watch or Jeremy Hunt MP? If so, please disclose the details.

No.