IN THE FIRST TIER TRIBUNAL
GENERAL REGULATORY
CHAMBER

**INFORMATION RIGHTS** 

EA/2015/0269

BETWEEN:

QUEEN MARY UNIVERSITY OF LONDON ("QMUL")

**Appellant** 

and

(1) THE INFORMATION COMMISSIONER ("ICO") (2) ALEM MATTHEES Respondents

NOTE REGARDING DOCUMENTS THAT ARE AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC FOLLOWING THE HEARING ON 20<sup>TH</sup>, 21<sup>ST</sup> AND 22<sup>ND</sup> APRIL 2016

This Note has been prepared in order to provide the Tribunal with an indication of those documents relevant to the above proceedings that, in QMUL's view, can be properly disclosed to members of the public.

This Note arises out of a series of requests that were made to the Tribunal office during the course of the hearing on 20th, 21st and 22nd April 2016 for public access to documents. QMUL has not seen these requests, but understands that they were substantial.

During the hearing QMUL provided an 'Open Bundle' of documents for review by members of the public who wished to follow the proceedings. This bundle contained certain key documents including pleadings, witness statements and the parties' Skeleton Arguments. This bundle was provided on the basis that it was not to be copied nor removed from the Tribunal room.

On 20 April 2016 Judge Peter Lane ordered the release to a member of the public (Ms Eliot Smith) the following documents:

- (a) the list of attendees for the hearing;
- (b) the notice of decision;
- (c) the notice of appeal and grounds;
- (d) the IC's response; and
- (e) the second respondent's response.

These documents have now been made publicly available online, via Ms Eliot-Smith's blog: <a href="https://valerieeliotsmith.com/2016/04/28/qmul-v-the-information-commissioner-and-matthees-tribunal-hearing-and-open-justice/">https://valerieeliotsmith.com/2016/04/28/qmul-v-the-information-commissioner-and-matthees-tribunal-hearing-and-open-justice/</a>

The Tribunal has asked QMUL to consider which additional documents may be disclosed to members of the public seeking to follow these proceedings. There is a sizable amount of documentation in this matter. The following table sets out, with weblinks for ease of access, those documents included in the hearing bundles that can be readily accessed online by members of the public.

Information released by QMUL relating to PACE Trial		
QMUL Statement - Release of Individual Data from the PACE Trial	18 December 2015	http://www.qmul.ac.uk/media/n ews/items/smd/168729.html
Participant Consent Forms	1 February 2006	https://www.whatdotheyknow.c om/request/selected_data_on_p ace_trial_part#comment-64718

Third Party Publications relating to CFS/ME or PACE		
Nice Guidelines - Chronic fatigue syndrome-myalgic encephalomyelitis (or encephalopathy) - diagnosis and management	22 August 2007	https://www.nice.org.uk/g uidance/cg53
'Magical Medicine - How to Make a Disease Disappear'	February 2010	http://www.meactionuk.or g.uk/magical- medicine.pdf
The Lancet Editorial – 'Patients' power and PACE'	17 May 2011	http://www.thelancet.com/ journals/lancet/article/PII S0140-6736(11)60696- X/fulltext?rss=yes
British Medical Journal – Dangers of Research into CFS	22 June 2011	http://www.bmj.com/cont ent/342/bmj.d3780
The Guardian – "CFS Syndrome Reporters Face Death Threats From Militants"	21 August 2011	http://www.theguardian.c om/society/2011/aug/21/c hronic-fatigue-syndrome- myalgic- encephalomyelitis
Sunday Times – "This man faced death threats and abuse. His crime? He suggested ME was a mental illness"	5 May 2013	http://www.thesundaytime s.co.uk/sto/Magazine/Feat ures/article1252529.ece
ShoutAboutME article – 'Rocky Start for CFS_ME Research Collaborative'	29 November 2013	http://www.shoutoutabout me.com/advocacy/whats- wrong-with-the-uk-cfsme- research-collaborative/
The Lancet Editorial - What's in a name - Systemic exertion intolerance disease	21 February 2015	http://www.thelancet.com/ journals/lancet/article/PII S0140-6736(15)60270- 7/fulltext?rss=yes
MRC CFS-ME Highlight Notice 2016	2016	https://www.mrc.ac.uk/fu nding/how-we-fund- research/highlight- notices/cfs-me-highlight- notice/
Research Councils UK - Gateway to Research – PACE Trial Summary	accessed 22 March 2016	http://gtr.rcuk.ac.uk/proje ct/7EC0DBA0-0FC2- 44F1-8708- 8676EBEDA4C9?pn=0&f etchSize=25&selectedSort ableField=date&selectedS ortOrder=ASC

Third party publications relating go governance, research ethics, confident		
WMA Declaration of Helsinki	June 1964	http://www.wma.net/en/30p ublications/10policies/b3/
MRC Guidelines for Good Clinical Practice in Clinical Trials	March 1998	https://www.mrc.ac.uk/doc uments/pdf/good-clinical- practice-in-clinical-trials/
MRC Ethics Series - Personal Information in Medical Research	October 2000	https://www.mrc.ac.uk/doc uments/pdf/personal- information-in-medical- research/
Department of Health - Research Governance for Health & Social Care	2005	https://www.gov.uk/govern ment/uploads/system/uploa ds/attachment_data/file/139 565/dh_4122427.pdf
GMC Council - 'Confidentiality'	12 October 2009	http://www.gmc- uk.org/guidance/ethical_gui dance/confidentiality.asp
Paul Ohm – Broken promises of privacy - UCLA Law Review, 2010	2010	http://www.uclalawreview. org/pdf/57-6-3.pdf
MRC Guidance - Sharing of Research Data from Patient Studies	23 November 2011	http://www.mrc.ac.uk/resea rch/research-policy- ethics/data-sharing/policy/
The Royal Society – Science as an Open Enterprise	June 2012	https://royalsociety.org/topi cs-policy/projects/science- public-enterprise/report/
ICO Code of Practice on Anonymisation	November 2012	https://ico.org.uk/media/10 61/anonymisation-code.pdf
Article - Identifying Personal Genomes by Surname Inference	18 January 2013	http://science.sciencemag.o rg/content/339/6117/321
AllTrials Agreement	September 2013	http://www.alltrials.net//wp content/uploads/2013/09/W hat-does-all-trials- registered-and-reported- mean.pdf
EAGDA Statement for funders on re-identification	October 2013	http://www.wellcome.ac.uk /stellent/groups/corporatesit e/@policy_communications /documents/web_document /wtp055972.pdf

MRC - Maximising the value of UK population cohorts  Joint Response (MRC, ESRC, CRUK, Wellcome Trust) to EAGDA Statement	February 2014  March 2014	http://www.mrc.ac.uk/publications/browse/maximising-the-value-of-uk-population-cohorts/ http://www.wellcome.ac.uk/stellent/groups/corporatesite/@policy_communications/documents/web_document/wtp055971.pdf
Executive Office of the President – Big Data Seizing Opportunities, Preserving Values	May 2014	https://www.whitehouse.go v/sites/default/files/docs/bi g data privacy report ma y 1 2014.pdf
Health & Social Care Information Centre – Data Release Review	June 2014	https://www.gov.uk/govern ment/uploads/system/uploa ds/attachment data/file/367 788/Sir Nick Partridge s summary of the review.pd f
Journal of Tech Science – Care.data and access to UK health records	August 2015	http://techscience.org/a/201 5081103/
Outputs, Outcomes and Impact of MRC Research – Report 2013_2014	2013/2014	http://www.mrc.ac.uk/publi cations/browse/outputs- outcomes-and-impact-of- mrc-research-2013-14/
Nuffield Council on Bioethics - Collection Linking and Use of Data	February 2015	http://nuffieldbioethics.org/ wp- content/uploads/Biological and health data web.pdf
Medical Schools Council – 'Health of the Nation'	2015	http://www.medschools.ac. uk/SiteCollectionDocument s/MSC-Health-of-the- Nation.pdf

Other Tribunal and Information Commissioner decisions about the PACE Trial		
Decision Notice FS50451416	26 September 2012	https://ico.org.uk/media/act ion-weve-taken/decision- notices/2012/762736/fs_50 451416.pdf
Decision Notice FS50458231	9 January 2013	https://ico.org.uk/media/act ion-weve-taken/decision- notices/2013/793998/fs_50 458231.pdf

Decision Notice FS50463661	9 January 2013	https://ico.org.uk/media/act ion-weve-taken/decision- notices/2013/797232/fs_50 463661.pdf
Decision Notice FS50484575	1 August 2013	https://ico.org.uk/media/act ion-weve-taken/decision- notices/2013/892246/fs 50 484575.pdf
Decision Notice FS50485606	29 July 2013	https://ico.org.uk/media/act ion-weve-taken/decision- notices/2013/882740/fs_50 485606.pdf
Decision Notice FS50514995	23 January 2014	https://ico.org.uk/media/act ion-weve-taken/decision- notices/2014/947420/fs 50 514995.pdf
Decision Notice FS50557646	17 March 2015	https://ico.org.uk/media/act ion-weve-taken/decision- notices/2015/1043578/fs_5 0557646.pdf
Decision Notice FS50558352	18 March 2015	https://ico.org.uk/media/act ion-weve-taken/decision- notices/2015/1043579/fs 5 0558352.pdf
Decision Notice FS50565190	27 October 2015	https://ico.org.uk/media/act ion-weve-taken/decision- notices/2015/1560081/fs_5 0565190.pdf
Decision Notice FS50609018	9 March 2016	https://ico.org.uk/media/act ion-weve-taken/decision- notices/2016/1623721/fs50 609018.pdf
Decision Notice FS50604808	10 March 2016	https://ico.org.uk/media/act ion-weve-taken/decision- notices/2016/1623720/fs50 604808.pdf
Tribunal Decision EA-2012-0229 re: FS50451416	22 May 2013	http://www.informationtrib unal.gov.uk/DBFiles/Decisi on/i1020/20130522%20De cision%20EA20120229.pdf
Tribunal Decision EA-2013-0019 re: FS50463661	22 August 2013	http://www.informationtrib unal.gov.uk/DBFiles/Decisi on/i1069/20130822%20De cision%20EA20130019.pdf

<b>Additional Documents</b>		
Cochrane Collaboration - Exercise therapy for chronic fatigue syndrome (individual patient data) (Protocol), Issue 4	2014	http://www.cochrane.org/CD0 11040/DEPRESSN_exercise- therapy-for-chronic-fatigue- syndrome-individual-patient- data
MRC Guidance - Good Practice Principles For Sharing Individual Participant Data From Publicly Funded Clinical Trials	1 April 2015	http://www.methodologyhubs. mrc.ac.uk/files/7114/3682/383 1/Datasharingguidance2015.p df
BMC Medicine - How should individual participant data (IPD) from publicly funded clinical trials be shared? C. Tudur Smith, C. Hopkins, M. R. Sydes, K. Woolfall, M. Clarke, G. Murray and P. Williamson	17 December 2015	http://bmcmedicine.biomedce ntral.com/articles/10.1186/s12 916-015-0532-z

The following further material about the trial is also available online from the website of the Wolfson Institute of Preventive Medicine at <a href="http://www.wolfson.qmul.ac.uk/current-projects/pace-trial">http://www.wolfson.qmul.ac.uk/current-projects/pace-trial</a>, alongside much other information relevant to the PACE Trial:

Documents available from the Wolfson Institute		
Full PACE paper and web appendix	18 February 2011	
APT Participant Manual	November 2004	
APT Therapist Manual	November 2004	
CBT Participant Manual	November 2004	
CBT Therapist Manual	November 2004	
GET Participant Manual	16 November 2004	
GET Therapist Manual	16 November 2004	
SSMC Doctor Manual	2 December 2004	

Trial Protocol	8 March 2007
Participant Information Sheet	22 February 2006
Participants Newsletter - Issue 1	June 2006
Participants Newsletter - Issue 2	March 2007
Participants Newsletter - Issue 3	December 2008
Participants Newsletter - Issue 4	February 2011
PACE FAQ 1	written during the progress of the trial
PACE FAQ 2	[undated]

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