



## Department of Health

09/11/2016

FOI-1058082

Dear Jordan Poulos,

Thank you for your request of 4<sup>th</sup> November 2016 under the Freedom of Information Act (2000). Your exact request was:

*"I am currently writing an Extended Project Qualification titled "To what extent has the application of stem cells in modern day medicine been limited?". Due to the inaccessibility of government figures relating to the overall funding and funding breakdowns for stem cell science in the UK, I am making a freedom of information request to the department of health to release funding statistics for stem cell research over the last decade. This, if possible, should include the overall funding given by the Department of Health for stem cell research, but also the funding breakdowns in the various areas of stem cell science."*

I can confirm that the Department holds information relevant to your request.

The Department of Health does not hold information on the Department's total expenditure on stem cell research, or a breakdown of such expenditure by area of stem cell science.

The Department funds research through the National Institute for Health Research (NIHR) and the Department's Policy Research Programme (PRP). The PRP has not funded stem cell research during the past ten years.

Spend on research funded directly by the NIHR is categorised by Health Research Classification System (HRCS) health categories. There is no HRCS category for stem cell research, so we do not hold and would be unable to generate data on total NIHR spend on stem cell research, or a breakdown of such expenditure by area of stem cell science.

If you have any queries about this email, please contact me. Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

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The Information Commissioner's Office  
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Yours sincerely,

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