9 April 2009

Dear Mrs Chapman,

**Freedom of Information Act 2000 request**

With reference to your requests for information, received 12 March 2009, made under section 1(1) of the Freedom of Information Act, I am writing to advise you that the information you require is available and included in this letter.

We are, however, partially refusing your request on the grounds of cost. I have provided details under the relevant question (IOPWHOCOLL2, question 5).

As per my email of 12 March 2009, we have combined your requests, IOPWHOCOLL1 and IOPWHOCOLL2, and treated them as a single request due to the similarity of the information you require.

**IOPWHOCOLL1** – “Request concerns grants/awards obtained by, or awarded by, or administered by the Institute of Psychiatry, King’s College London in relation to the following project:

**Conceptual Issues in Somatoform and Similar Disorders (CISSD Project)**

Project undertaken between 2003 and 2007

I request under the Act, information on all Grants/awards

1) Obtained externally from Trusts, awarding bodies or other sources by the Institute of Psychiatry, King’s College London

2) Provided internally by the Institute of Psychiatry, King’s College London

3) Administered by the Institute of Psychiatry, King’s College London for the Conceptual Issues in Somatoform and Similar Disorders Project (CISSD Project), in relation to activities undertaken by the Project's Co-ordinator, Dr Richard Sykes, or by Professor Michael Sharpe or Professor Kurt Kroenke or Professor Rachel Jenkins or Dr John Bradfield or other members of the Project Work Group or Action for M.E., Bristol in relation to the CISSD Project, or in the name of the CISSD Project.

I request under the Act, the following information:"

“1) The WHO Collaborating Centre for Research and Training in Mental Health and Section of Mental Health Policy lists a number of "Honorary Members" on its website:

a) Is Dr Richard Sykes currently an "Honorary Member" of the WHO Collaborating Centre?"

No. Dr Sykes is now attached to the WHO Collaborating Centre as a Visiting Research Associate and is engaged on the London Medically Unexplained Physical Symptoms and Syndromes Project (MUPSS).

“b) From what date did Dr Sykes' appointment commence?"

2003, as an Honorary Member

“c) If Dr Sykes is no longer an "Honorary Member", on what date did this appointment cease?"

His honorary membership ceased in 2007.

“d) Through what process was Dr Sykes appointed an "Honorary Member"?

On approval from Professor Rachel Jenkins.

“e) In his capacity as an "Honorary Member", what roles and responsibilities has Dr Sykes held in relation to the WHO Collaborating Centre? (please give dates)"

Dr Sykes had responsibility for coordinating the CISSD project from 2003 to 2007.
“f) Does Dr Sykes receive any remunerations, honoraria, grants, awards or funding from the Institute of Psychiatry/King's College London/WHO Collaborating Centre or any other institution, organisation, body or agency in relation to his Honorary Membership of the WHO Collaborating Centre? (please specify)"

Dr Sykes received no grants from the IOP for his work on the CISSD project. For information, Dr Sykes now receives a research award from the IOP for the London MUPSS Project. The award commenced in 2008 and is for £27,000 per year. It is intended to cover all research and associated expenses (e.g. travel, attendance at conferences etc.). The award is funded by a grant from the Hugh and Ruby Sykes Charitable Trust.

“2) On the website of the WHO Collaborating Centre, Dr Sykes’ is listed as Co-ordinator of the CISSD Project. When authoring research papers and reviews (including the Review Paper resulting out of the CISSD Project published by the three Project leads in July 2007) Dr Sykes' address is given as "WHO Collaborating Centre, Institute of Psychiatry, University of London, UK".

a) What is the relationship between the CISSD Project and the WHO Collaborating Centre?"

Professor Rachel Jenkins was the Principal Collaborator for the project. The CISSD grant is held by the IOP at King’s College London.

“3) According to proposals for ICD-11 Revision submitted by Dr Richard Sykes in March 2008, via the WHO ICD Update and Revision Platform, Professor Rachel Jenkins acted as "Principal Collaborator" for the CISSD Project; the Project is understood to have been undertaken between 2003 and 2007:

a) From what date has Professor Rachel Jenkins had an involvement with the CISSD Project?"

Since 2003.

“b) From what date was Professor Jenkins appointed as "Principal Collaborator" for the CISSD Project?"

Since 2003.

“c) What has Professor Jenkins’ involvement been in the CISSD Project in her capacity as Director of the WHO Collaborating Centre and "Principal Collaborator" for the Project?"

Professor Jenkins’ role as the Principal Collaborator includes the provision of advice and assistance to Dr Sykes on request, and comments on draft papers.

“d) By what date was the CISSD Project Work Group assembled?"

The group started to be assembled in 2003.
“e) Through what process were members and chairs of the CISSD Project Work Group appointed?”

By invitation from Dr Sykes, in association with Professor Jenkins, Professor Kurt Kroenke, Professor Michael Sharpe and Dr John Bradfield.

“f) If Terms of Reference were drawn up for the CISSD Project, I request a copy under the Act.”

No formal terms of reference were drawn up for the project. In principle, membership was open to anyone with a professional interest in the field.

“g) Were CISSD Project Work Group members and chairs required to complete Conflict of Interest Disclosures?”

No.

“h) In submitting proposals to the WHO ICD-11 Update and Revision Platform, is Dr Sykes acting on behalf of the CISSD Project Work Group in his capacity as Co-ordinator of the Project, or acting on behalf of the WHO Collaborating Centre in his capacity as an “Honorary Member” of the WHO Collaborating Centre, or acting in a personal capacity?”

Dr Sykes acted in his capacity as coordinator of the CISSD project.

“4) Other than the Review Paper: Revising the Classification of Somatoform Disorders: Key Questions and Preliminary Recommendations, Journal of Psychosomatics; 48:277-285 published by the three CISSD Project leads in July-August 2007, were interim reports and/or a final report provided to the WHO Collaborating Centre by the Project?

a) I request copies under the Act.”

A final report was provided to the WHO Collaborating Centre. Dr Sykes has arranged for the final report and other detailed information to be made available in the near future on the ME Association website (http://www.meassociation.org.uk/) and in the ME Association journal, “Essential ME”. We therefore consider this information exempt under section 21 of the act (information accessible by other means).

“5) Under the Act, I request complete copies of correspondence between the WHO Collaborating Centre and the CISSD Project since the Project's inception. This to cover all forms of communications between the organisation and the Project since the Project's inception: to include copies of letters, emails, faxes, reports, agendas, minutes, summaries or notes of all meetings and Project Work Group meetings held in the UK and US, whether attended by Professor Jenkins or not, and reports, briefing and presentation material prepared for or connected with meetings and meetings of the Project Work Group, either before or after the event.”

You have asked for a significant amount of information and we estimate that the cost of complying with your request in full and sorting, extracting and formatting any minutes of meetings, memos, reports and emails would exceed the appropriate limit of £450.
The appropriate limit has been specified in regulations and for Higher Education Institutes such as King' College London this is currently set at £450. This represents the estimated cost of one person spending 2½ working days in determining whether the College holds the information, and locating, retrieving and extracting the information.

This completes your request for information.

If you feel your request has not been properly handled or you are otherwise dissatisfied with the outcome of your request, you have the right to complain. Details of how to make a complaint can be found in our FoI Policy, a copy of which is available on our web site at: the following address:
http://www.kcl.ac.uk/college/policyzone/attachments/FoIPolicy.pdf

Further information is also available from the Information Commissioner at:

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Wycliffe House
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Cheshire
SK9 5AF
Tel: 01625 545 700
www.informationcommissioner.gov.uk

Yours sincerely

James Allison
Legal Compliance Officer

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#### Project: Conceptual Issues in Somatoform and Similar Disorders (CISSD Project)

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