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(CCC) HR

I am writing to you under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to request the following information from your HR department. Please may you provide me with:

- Policy(s) relating to absence from work for an employee participating in Medical Research for healthy Volunteers or Patients that are receiving treatment as part of a Clinical Trial.

Clinical trials are research studies performed in people that are aimed at evaluating a medical, surgical, or behavioural intervention. They are the primary way that researchers find out if a new treatment, like a new drug or diet or medical device (for example, a pacemaker) is safe and effective in people. Often a clinical trial is used to learn if a new treatment is more effective and/or has less harmful side effects than the standard treatment.

Is a policy(s) relating to Clinical Trial Appointments available within your organisation?

Yes - (I would like this information to be provided to me as [paper or electronic copies, or alternatively provision of appropriate web-links – if this information is already available to the public..])

No

Response

We do not have a policy specifically relating to Clinical Trials appointments. We would use special leave for hospital/medical/healthcare screening/blood donation appointments, which is paid leave. If, as a result of the clinical trial, an individual is unfortunate to require time off work due to sickness, then it is paid sickness absence leave in accordance with our management of Sickness Absence policy.

Further queries on this matter should be directed to foi@cambridge.gov.uk