

# COMMERCIAL PARTNERSHIPS' COMMITMENTS TO RESEARCHERS



The mission of Commercial Partnerships is to realise maximum patient benefit from the research funded by Cancer Research UK (CRUK). To achieve our aims, we work closely with CRUK-funded researchers, supporting and enabling the translation of scientific discoveries into innovations that will deliver patient impact.

We understand that researchers have many competing priorities for their time. In order to achieve increased engagement in translational and commercial activity, we must make it as easy as possible to work with us.

Therefore we commit to our researchers to be transparent, honest and communicative during their translational journey with us. Going forward, we will also openly hold our performance to account against these commitments as we strive to constantly improve our service and support to the research community.

## WE MAKE THE FOLLOWING COMMITMENTS:

- 1 We will acknowledge all new invention disclosures and propose clear next steps for our review within one week
- 2 We will let you know the outcomes of our initial review and whether we will submit your invention to our review committee for a patent filing or commercial funding decision within one month
- 3 We will confirm whether your patent filing or commercial funding decision has been successful within three months
- 4 We will update you at least annually on all of our activity on your invention post-patent filing

We value your feedback on how well we are supporting you. Please do not hesitate to contact us with any feedback or concerns at the following email [commercial@cancer.org.uk](mailto:commercial@cancer.org.uk) and we will get back to you promptly.

In addition, anonymous feedback may be provided via our regular community surveys.

## OUR 2020/21 PERFORMANCE



Average time from disclosure to initial review and feedback was **22 days**



Average time from disclosure to full review and decision was **55 days** with **65%** of disclosures receiving a decision within three calendar months



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