

**UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**
Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

**CURRENT REPORT
PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

Date of Report (date of earliest event reported): February 16, 2022

CENTESSA PHARMACEUTICALS PLC

(Exact name of Registrant, as specified in its charter)

England and Wales

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

001-04321

(Commission File Number)

Not applicable

(I.R.S. Employer Identification Number)

Mailing address:

**3rd Floor
1 Ashley Road
Altrincham
Cheshire WA14 2DT
United Kingdom**

(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: **+44 7391 789784**

Former name or address, if changed since last report:

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (see General Instruction A.2. below):

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
- Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:

Title of each class	Trading Symbol(s)	Name of each exchange on which registered
Ordinary shares, nominal value £0.002 per share	CNTA	Nasdaq Stock Market, LLC*
American Depositary Shares, each representing one ordinary share, nominal value £0.002 per share	CNTA	Nasdaq Stock Market, LLC

*Not for trading, but only in connection with the listing of the American Depositary Shares on The Nasdaq Stock Market, LLC.

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (§230.405 of this chapter) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (§240.12b-2 of this chapter).

Emerging growth company

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act.

Item 5.02 Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.

On February 16, 2022, Robert M. Califf, M.D., a member of the Board of Directors (the “Board”) of Centessa Pharmaceuticals plc (the “Company” or “Centessa”), notified the Company of his resignation from the Board, effective immediately. Dr. Califf resigned as a result of his confirmation as the incoming Commissioner of the U.S. Food and Drug Administration. Dr. Califf’s resignation was not the result of a disagreement with the Company on any matter relating to the Company’s operations, policies or practices. Effective as of his resignation, Dr. Califf is no longer a member of the Board or any of its committees.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

Date: February 16, 2022

By: /s/ Saurabh Saha
Name: Saurabh Saha, M.D., Ph.D.
Title: Chief Executive Officer