## SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

#### **SCHEDULE 13D**

(RULE 13d-101)

# INFORMATION TO BE INCLUDED IN STATEMENTS FILED PURSUANT TO RULE 13d-1(a) AND AMENDMENTS THERETO FILED PURSUANT TO RULE 13d-2(a)

(Amendment No. )\*

### NuCana plc

(Name of Issuer)

American Depositary Shares representing Ordinary Shares, nominal value £0.04 per share (Title of Class of Securities)

67022C106 (CUSIP Number)

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September 28, 2017 (Date of Event Which Requires Filing of This Statement)

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6	CITIZENSHIP OR	PLACE OF	ORGANIZATION Delaware
	NUMBER OF SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON WITH	7	SOLE VOTING POWER 4,666,666 Ordinary Shares (including 666,666 Ordinary Shares represented by 666,666 American Depositary Shares), except that Sofinnova Management VIII, L.L.C. ("SM VIII"), the general partner of SVP VIII, may be deemed to have sole voting power, and Dr. Michael F. Powell ("Powell"), Dr. James I. Healy ("Healy"), and Dr. Anand Mehra ("Mehra"), the managing members of SM VIII, may be deemed to have shared power to vote these shares.
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		9	SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER 4,666,666 Ordinary Shares (including 666,666 Ordinary Shares represented by 666,666 American Depositary Shares), except that SM VIII, the general partner of SVP VIII, may be deemed to have sole dispositive power and Powell, Healy, and Mehra, the managing members of SM VIII, may be deemed to have shared power to dispose of these shares.
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#### Statement on Schedule 13D

This Statement on Schedule 13D relates to the beneficial ownership of Ordinary Shares, nominal value £0.04 per share ("Ordinary Shares") represented by American Depositary Shares ("ADSs"), of NuCana plc, a public limited company incorporated in England and Wales ("Issuer"). This Schedule 13D is being filed by Sofinnova Venture Partners VIII, L.P., a Delaware limited partnership ("SVP VIII"), Sofinnova Management VIII, L.L.C., a Delaware limited liability company ("SM VIII"), Dr. Michael F. Powell ("Powell"), Dr. James I. Healy ("Healy"), and Dr. Anand Mehra ("Mehra" and collectively with SVP VIII, SM VIII, Powell, and Healy, the "Reporting Persons").

#### ITEM 1. SECURITY AND ISSUER.

- (a) The class of equity securities to which this statement relates is the Ordinary Shares of the Issuer.
- (b) The Issuer's principal executive offices are located at 10 Lochside Place, Edinburgh, EH12 9RG, United Kingdom.

#### ITEM 2. IDENTITY AND BACKGROUND.

- (a) The persons and entities filing this Schedule 13D are SVP VIII, SM VIII, Powell, Healy, and Mehra. SM VIII, the general partner of SVP VIII, may be deemed to have sole power to vote and sole power to dispose of shares of the Issuer directly owned by SVP VIII. Healy may be deemed to have sole power to vote and sole power to dispose of shares of the Issuer directly owned by Healy.
- (b) The address of the principal place of business for each of the Reporting Persons is c/o Sofinnova Ventures, 3000 Sand Hill Road, Bldg 4, Suite 250, Menlo Park, California 94025.
- (c) The principal occupation of each of the Reporting Persons is the venture capital investment business. The principal business of SVP VIII is to make investments in private and public companies, and the principal business of SM VIII is to serve as the general partner of SVP VIII. Powell, Healy and Mehra are the managing members of SM VIII. Healy is a director of the Issuer.
- (d) During the last five years, none of the Reporting Persons has been convicted in any criminal proceeding (excluding traffic violations or similar misdemeanors).
- (e) During the last five years, none of the Reporting Persons has been a party to a civil proceeding of a judicial or administrative body of competent jurisdiction and as a result of such proceeding was or is subject to a judgment, decree or final order enjoining future violations of, or prohibiting or mandating activities subject to, federal or state securities laws or finding any violation with respect to such laws.
  - (f) SVP VIII is a Delaware limited partnership. SM VIII is a Delaware limited liability company. Powell, Healy, and Mehra are U.S. citizens.

#### ITEM 3. SOURCE AND AMOUNT OF FUNDS OR OTHER CONSIDERATION.

On April 11, 2014, SVP VIII purchased an aggregate of 16,000,000 series B convertible participating shares ("Series B Shares"), at a price of £1.00 per share for an aggregate subscription price of £16,000,000. On September 14, 2017, the Issuer completed a one-for-four reverse share split. This had the effect of consolidating every four Series B Shares of £0.001 to one Series B Share of £0.004. As further described in the Issuer's Prospectus filed pursuant to Rule 424(b)(4) on September 29, 2017 with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Prospectus") under the heading "Series B Convertible Participating Shares," immediately prior to the completion of the Issuer's initial public offering of ADSs (the "Offering"), each Series B Share automatically converted into one Ordinary Share.

On December 12, 2016, the Issuer granted Healy options to purchase Ordinary Shares pursuant to the Issuer's 2016 Share Option Scheme. Healy exercised such options prior to the Offering, and accordingly, immediately following the Offering, holds 45,750 Ordinary Shares through the Healy Family Trust. Such Ordinary Shares are subject to repurchase by the Issuer if Healy ceases to be a director of the Issuer during the four years following the grant date with 100% of such Ordinary Shares subject to repurchase during the first year following the grant date, 75% of such Ordinary Shares subject to repurchase during the second year following the grant date, 50% of such Ordinary Shares subject to repurchase during the fourth year following the grant date. The Issuer's 2016 Share Option Scheme is described more fully in the Prospectus.

In connection with the Offering, SVP VIII purchased 666,666 ADSs at \$15.00 per ADS, or \$9,999,990.00 in the aggregate. Such purchase occurred pursuant to and on the terms set forth in the Prospectus. Each ADS represents one Ordinary Share.

Unless noted above, the source of the funds for all purchases and acquisitions by the Reporting Persons was from working capital. Certain purchases by SVP VIII were made using its working capital funded partially through a line of credit with Silicon Valley Bank in the normal course of business and then paid down from the proceeds from investor capital calls.

Unless noted above, no part of the purchase price was borrowed by any Reporting Person for the purpose of acquiring any securities discussed in this Item 3.

#### ITEM 4. PURPOSE OF TRANSACTION.

The Reporting Persons hold their securities of the Issuer for investment purposes. Depending on the factors discussed herein, the Reporting Persons may, from time to time, acquire additional Ordinary Shares and/or retain and/or sell all or a portion of the Ordinary Shares held by the Reporting Persons in the open market or in privately negotiated transactions, and/or may distribute the Ordinary Shares held by the Reporting Persons to their respective members or limited partners. Any actions the Reporting Persons might undertake will be dependent upon the Reporting Persons' review of numerous factors, including, among other things, the price levels of the Ordinary Shares, general market and economic conditions, ongoing evaluation of the Issuer's business, financial condition, operations and prospects; the relative attractiveness of alternative business and investment opportunities, and other future developments. Except as set forth above, the Reporting Persons have no present plans or intentions which would result in or relate to any of the transactions described in subparagraphs (a) through (j) of Item 4 of Schedule 13D.

#### ITEM 5. INTEREST IN SECURITIES OF THE ISSUER.

- (a,b) Regarding aggregate beneficial ownership, see Row 11 of the cover page of each Reporting Person. Regarding percentage beneficial ownership, see Row 13 of the cover page of each Reporting Person. Regarding sole power to vote shares, see Row 7 of the cover page of each Reporting Person. Regarding shared power to vote shares, see Row 9 of the cover page of each Reporting Person. Regarding sole power to dispose of shares, see Row 9 of the cover page of each Reporting Person. Regarding shared power to dispose of shares, see Row 10 of the cover page of each Reporting Person. Percentage calculations were made using 30,881,641 as the number of shares of Ordinary Shares outstanding immediately following the Offering as reported by the Issuer.
- (c) Except as set forth in Item 3 above, the Reporting Persons have not effected any transaction in the Ordinary Shares of the Issuer during the past 60 days.
- (d) Under certain circumstances set forth in the limited partnership agreement of SVP VIII, the general partner and limited partners of SVP VIII may be deemed to have the right to receive dividends from, or the proceeds from, the sale of shares of the Issuer owned by such entity of which they are a partner.
  - (e) Not applicable.

# ITEM 6. CONTRACTS, ARRANGEMENTS, UNDERSTANDINGS OR RELATIONSHIPS WITH RESPECT TO SECURITIES OF THE ISSUER.

Certain of the Reporting Persons have entered into a registration rights agreement with the Issuer to be effective upon the completion of the Offering and pursuant to which the Issuer has agreed under specified circumstances to file a registration statement to register the resale of the Ordinary Shares held by such Reporting Persons and other shareholders, as well as to cooperate in specified public offerings of such shares. The Form of Registration Rights Agreement is incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 1.9 to the Issuer's Amendment No. 1 to Form F-1 Registration Statement (File No. 333-220321).

Healy, in his capacity as a director of the Issuer, along with the other directors of the Issuer, entered into a Deed of Indemnity with the Issuer, as more fully described in the Prospectus. Such description and form of Deed of Indemnity is incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.10 to the Issuer's Amendment No. 2 to Form F-1 Registration Statement (File No. 333-220321).

SVP VIII and Healy have agreed that, subject to specified limited exceptions, for a period of 180 days from the date of the Prospectus, they will not, without the prior written consent of Citigroup Global Markets Inc., Jefferies LLC and Cowen and Company, LLC, offer, sell, contract, sell, pledge or otherwise dispose of, including the filing of a registration statement in respect of, or hedge any of their Ordinary Shares, ADSs, or any securities convertible into, or exercisable or exchangeable for Ordinary Shares; provided, that these restrictions do not apply to ADSs purchased in this offering, among other exceptions. Citigroup Global Markets Inc., Jefferies LLC and Cowen and Company, LLC in their sole discretion may release any of the securities subject to these lock-up agreements at any time, which, in the case of officers and directors, shall be with notice. The Form of Lock-up Agreement is incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit A to Exhibit 1.1 to the Issuer's Amendment No. 1 to Form F-1 Registration Statement (File No. 333-220321).

#### ITEM 7. MATERIAL TO BE FILED AS EXHIBITS.

EXHIBIT A Agreement of Joint Filing.
EXHIBIT B Power of Attorney.

EXHIBIT C Form of Lock-Up Agreement described in Item 6, filed as Exhibit A to Exhibit 1.1 to the Issuer's Amendment No.

1 to Form F-1 Registration Statement (File No. 333-220321) and incorporated herein by reference.

EXHIBIT D Form of Registration Rights Agreement described in Item 6, filed as Exhibit 1.9 to the Issuer's Amendment No. 1

to Form F-1 Registration Statement (File No. 333-220321) and incorporated herein by reference.

EXHIBIT E Form of Deed of Indemnity for directors and executive officers, filed as Exhibit 10.10 to the Issuer's Amendment

No. 2 to Form F-1 Registration Statement (File No. 333-220321) and incorporated herein by reference.

#### **SIGNATURES**

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of my knowledge and belief, I certify that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

Date: October 10, 2017

SOFINNOVA VENTURE PARTNERS VIII, L.P., a Delaware Limited Partnership

By: SOFINNOVA MANAGEMENT VIII, L.L.C., a

Delaware Limited Liability Company

Its: General Partner

By: /s/ Nathalie Auber

Nathalie Auber Attorney-in-Fact

SOFINNOVA MANAGEMENT VIII, L.L.C., a Delaware Limited Liability Company

By: /s/ Nathalie Auber

Nathalie Auber Attorney-in-Fact

DR. JAMES I. HEALY DR. MICHAEL F. POWELL DR. ANAND MEHRA

By: /s/ Nathalie Auber

Nathalie Auber Attorney-in-Fact

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# EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibit	Description
A	Agreement of Joint Filing.
В	Power of Attorney.
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D	Form of Registration Rights Agreement described in Item 6, filed as Exhibit 1.9 to the Issuer's Amendment No. 1 to Form F-1 Registration Statement (File No. 333-220321) and incorporated herein by reference.
Е	Form of Deed of Indemnity for directors and executive officers, filed as Exhibit 10.10 to the Issuer's Amendment No. 2 to Form F-1 Registration Statement (File No. 333-220321) and incorporated herein by reference.

#### EXHIBIT A

#### Agreement of Joint Filing

The undersigned hereby agree that a single Schedule 13D (or any amendment thereto) relating to the Ordinary Shares of NuCana plc shall be filed on behalf of each of the undersigned and that this Agreement shall be filed as an exhibit to such Schedule 13D.

Date: October 10, 2017

SOFINNOVA VENTURE PARTNERS VIII, L.P., a Delaware Limited Partnership

By: SOFINNOVA MANAGEMENT VIII, L.L.C., a

Delaware Limited Liability Company

Its: General Partner

By: /s/ Nathalie Auber

Nathalie Auber Attorney-in-Fact

SOFINNOVA MANAGEMENT VIII, L.L.C., a Delaware Limited Liability Company

By: /s/ Nathalie Auber

Nathalie Auber Attorney-in-Fact

DR. JAMES I. HEALY DR. MICHAEL F. POWELL DR. ANAND MEHRA

By: /s/ Nathalie Auber

Nathalie Auber Attorney-in-Fact

### EXHIBIT B

### Power of Attorney

Nathalie Auber has signed this Schedule 13D as Attorney-In-Fact. Note that copies of the applicable Power of Attorney are already on file with the appropriate agencies.