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Basic Information

- **Type:** Person / Donor / Biotech entrepreneur
- **Status:** Active
- **Background:** Biotechnology executive, venture capitalist, life sciences investor
- **Companies:** Co-founder of investment firm focused on life sciences (name needed)
- **Political role:** Significant Reform UK donor (£1.36m+)

Role in Ecosystem

David Grainger is a biotech entrepreneur and venture capitalist who has donated £1.36m+ to Reform UK, making him the **fourth-largest donor** to the party. He represents a different funding vector than the crypto billionaires — **life sciences / biotech capital** flowing into right-populist politics.

Money IN (Funding Received)

Date	From	Amount	Type	Confidence	Source
Ongoing	Biotech ventures / VC firm	Unknown	Investment returns	CONFIRMED	Media profiles

Narrative: Grainger's wealth comes from biotechnology entrepreneurship and venture capital focused on life sciences.

Money OUT (Funding Given)

Date	To	Amount	Type	Confidence	Source
2025-12	Reform UK	£260,000	Political donation	CONFIRMED	Reuters Mar 2026

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2026 Q1	Reform UK	£1,150,000 (series)	Political donations	CONFIRMED	Newswav, BBC Jun 2026
Total	Reform UK	£1,360,000+	Political donations	CONFIRMED	DonationWatch

Narrative: Grainger donated through a series of payments, totalling £1.36m+. The December 2025 donation (£260k) followed by multiple 2026 donations suggests ongoing commitment.

Companies / Entities Controlled

Company Name	Number	Role	Status	Notes
Life sciences VC firm (name needed)	Unknown	Co-founder	Active	Investment focus

Action needed: Identify the specific VC firm and search Companies House

Known Associations

Person/Org	Relationship	Evidence
Reform UK	Major donor (£1.36m+)	Electoral Commission
Christopher Harborne	Fellow Reform mega-donor	Media
Ben Delo	Fellow Reform mega-donor	Media

Media Coverage

Date	Outlet	Headline	Key Claims	URL
2026-03-05	Reuters	"Nigel Farage's Reform UK party lands second big donation from crypto investor"	£260k from Grainger, "co-founder of an investment firm focused on the life sciences sector"	https://www.reuters.com/world/uk/nigel-farages-reform-uk-party-lands-second-big-donation-crypto-investor-2026-03-05/
2026-06-04	BBC News	"Crypto billionaires help Reform cement fundraising lead"	£1.1m in donations, "biotech entrepreneur"	https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/cn4pkkpe9ppo

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2026-06-04	The Guardian	"Reform UK raising millions more than other parties"	£1m from Grainger, "investor in life sciences"	https://www.theguardian.com/politics/2026/jun/04/reform-uk-raising-millions-more-than-other-parties-donation-figures-show
2026	Newswav	"Reform UK receives millions from crypto billionaires and foreign donors"	£1,150,000 through series of donations, "biotechnology executive and venture capitalist"	https://newswav.com/article/reform-uk-receives-millions-from-crypto-billionaires-and-foreign-donors-as-A2606_2VJq2b
2026-03-05	The Independent	"Labour urges probe into Reform UK over cryptocurrency donations"	Named alongside Harborne, Verbeeten, Beekmeyer	https://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/politics/reform-uk-christopher-harborne-farage-b2932462.html

Research Notes

Key questions:

- **VC firm name:** What's the specific investment firm Grainger co-founded?
- **Portfolio companies:** Which biotech/life sciences companies has he invested in?
- **Previous donations:** Any donations to other parties before Reform UK?
- **Motivation:** Why Reform UK? Life sciences policy? Brexit? Deregulation?
- **Companies House:** Directorships, PSC records
- **Network:** Connections to other Reform donors?
- **Offshore links:** Any overseas entities in his business structure?

Leads to follow:

- Companies House search: "David Grainger", "David John Grainger"
- Identify his VC firm (likely in Companies House as director)
- Check Electoral Commission for full donation history (other parties?)
- Biotech industry connections — any policy interests Reform UK promotes?
- Cross-reference with other life sciences investors in UK politics

Red flags:

- Less publicly known than Harborne/Delo — harder to scrutinise
- Large donations (£1.36m) without much public profile

- Biotech sector has regulatory interests (NHS, drug pricing, clinical trials)
- Part of Reform's mega-donor concentration (top 4 donors = vast majority of funding)

Significance: Grainger represents:

1. **Biotech capital → Reform UK** (different sector than crypto)
2. **Lower-profile mega-donor** (less media scrutiny)
3. **Life sciences industry interests** in right-populist politics
4. **Concentration of Reform funding** in handful of wealthy individuals

Reform UK Donor Concentration

The top 4 individual donors account for:

- Harborne: £25.19m (56%)
- Delo: £4.00m (9%)
- Hosking: £1.72m (4%)
- Grainger: £1.36m (3%)

Total top 4: £32.27m = 72% of all Reform UK funding since 2010

This extreme concentration in a handful of wealthy men (all with offshore/business interests) contradicts Reform's "people's party" branding.

Last Updated

- **Date:** 2026-06-14
- **Researcher:** Initial data collection session
- **Next actions:**
 - Identify VC firm name
 - Companies House search
 - Full Electoral Commission donation history
 - Biotech industry policy interests
 - Network mapping with other donors

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