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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): December 9, 2015

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## PROTHENA CORPORATION PUBLIC LIMITED COMPANY

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

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Ireland001-3567698-1111119(State or Other Jurisdiction(Commission(IRS Employerof Incorporation)File Number)Identification No.)

Adelphi Plaza Upper George's Street, Dún Laoghaire Co. Dublin, A96 T927 Ireland

(Address of principal executive offices including Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: 011-353-1-236-2500

Alexandra House

The Sweepstakes, Ballsbridge

Dublin 4, Ireland(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report.)

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

On December 9, 2015, the Compensation Committee of the Board of Directors of Prothena Corporation plc (the "Company") approved certain changes to the severance plan of Prothena Biosciences Inc ("PBI"), a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company, as set forth in the Prothena Biosciences Inc Amended and Restated Severance Plan (the "Severance Plan").

The named executive officers of the Company, other than Dale B. Schenk who is eligible for severance benefits under a separate employment agreement, are eligible to participate in the Severance Plan, which provides for certain compensation to be paid and benefits to be provided to them (and other eligible participants in that Plan) in the event of certain involuntary terminations of employment.

The terms of the Severance Plan, as amended and restated, remain materially consistent with the terms previously disclosed except that (a) the Severance Plan no longer automatically terminates on December 31, 2015 and instead terminates on such date, if any, determined by the board of directors of PBI, and (b) the continuation health coverage provided to the Company's named executive officers in connection with qualifying terminations that occur within two years after a change in control of the Company increased from twelve to eighteen months.

A copy of the Severance Plan is attached as Exhibit 10.1 hereto and is incorporated herein by reference. The foregoing description of the Severance Plan does not purport to be complete and is qualified in its entirety by reference to such exhibit.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits (d) Exhibits.

Exhibit No. Description

10.1 Prothena Biosciences Inc Amended and Restated Severance Plan.

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## **SIGNATURES**

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

Date: December 15, 2015 PROTHENA CORPORATION PLC

By: /s/ Tran B. Nguyen Name: Tran B. Nguyen

Title: Chief Financial Officer