

**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): **October 14, 2016**

AVISTA HEALTHCARE PUBLIC ACQUISITION CORP.
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Cayman Islands
(State or other jurisdiction
of incorporation)

001-37906
(Commission
File Number)

98-1329150
(I.R.S. Employer
Identification No.)

**65 East 55th Street
18th Floor
New York, NY 10022**
(Address of principal executive offices)

10022
(Zip Code)

(212) 593-6900
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

Not Applicable
(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

- ☐ Written communication pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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 - ☐ Pre-commencements communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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Item 8.01 Other Events.

On October 14, 2016, Avista Healthcare Public Acquisition Corp. (the “Company”) consummated its initial public offering (the “IPO”) of 30,000,000 units (the “Units”). Each Unit consists of one Class A ordinary share of the Company, par value \$0.0001 per share (“Ordinary Share”), and one warrant of the Company to purchase one-half of one Ordinary Share for \$5.75 per one-half share (or \$11.50 per whole share). The Units were sold at a price of \$10.00 per unit, generating gross proceeds to the Company of \$300,000,000.

On October 14, 2016, simultaneously with the consummation of the IPO, the Company completed the private sale (the “Private Placement”) of an aggregate of 16,000,000 warrants (the “Private Placement Warrants”) at a purchase price of \$0.50 per Private Placement Warrant, to the Company’s sponsor, Avista Acquisition Corp., and the Company’s independent directors, generating gross proceeds to the Company of \$8,000,000.

A total of \$300,000,000, comprised of \$294,000,000 of the proceeds from the IPO, including approximately \$10,500,000 of the underwriters’ deferred discount, and \$6,000,000 of the proceeds of the sale of the Private Placement Warrants, were placed in a U.S.-based trust account at J.P. Morgan Chase Bank, N.A., maintained by Continental Stock Transfer & Trust Company, acting as trustee. An audited balance sheet as of October 14, 2016 reflecting receipt of the proceeds upon consummation of the IPO and the Private Placement has been issued by the Company and is included as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits. The following exhibits are filed with this Form 8-K:

Exhibit No.	Description of Exhibits
99.1	Audited Balance Sheet, as of October 14, 2016.
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SIGNATURE

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.

Avista Healthcare Public Acquisition Corp.

Date: October 20, 2016

By: /s/ John Cafasso

Name: John Cafasso

Title: Chief Financial Officer

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