



Animal Welfare and Ethical Review Board (AWERB) Minutes 24/05/2022

The University of Edinburgh

Animal Welfare and Ethical Review Body Animals (Scientific Procedures) Act 1986

Minutes of the Animal Welfare and Ethical Review Body held 26/04/2022

Microsoft Teams

1. **Welcome** ██████ welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked them for attending.
Apologies – **separate attendance log**
 2. **Minutes of Meeting held on 26/04/2022: approved**
 3. **Presentation from** ██████
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Named person and Director updates

4. **Directors update**

- Continuing issues with ASRU meeting to be held with representatives of PEL holders.
- Two Roadshows are planned for 24/5/2022 and 01/06/2022. Focus will be on the 4th “R”- Responsibility. Please encourage people to attend either virtually or in person.
- Interviews were held for replacement NVS post and the successful candidate will start on 1 August 2022.
- Estates making good progress.

5. **Deputy Director (Facilities) update:**

- **Recruitment:** multiple recruitments underway including ██████. Connected with ██████ for recruitment possibilities and using temporary agency staff where needed during recruitment period. Interviews concluded for UE06, UE05 and UE04 posts and successful candidates have been offered and accepted and start dates within the next 4 weeks. Inductions to be held for all new staff and will include BVS CARE Values and Culture of Care.

6. **NVS update**

- **Condition 18s:** The NVS updated on recent condition 18 reports.
- **Health Issues:** health status in rats were discussed and one still currently being investigated in detail.
- **Culture of Care:** Questionnaire had a very good response so far, with great comments and suggestions.
- **ERF:** Length of time for response will increase from 5 days to 7 days. Will be reviewed later in the year.

7. **NACWO update:**

- **Refurbishment:** ██████ have undergone a major refurbishment over the last 18 months, all machines now in place and with little refinement and training should be ready for use in next 3 - 4 weeks. New Bedding dispenser also in place as well as new Rack Washer, Heat Steriliser and Robot.
PET Scanner also had major refurbishment and almost ready for use. Thanks to all involved.



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8. NTCO update:

- All going well.
- **Roadshow:** Focus will be on training.
- **PIL retention:** Document to be released to ensure to check any work before it is started.

9. HOLC update to the committee

- **ASRU:** The HOLC described ongoing challenges and concerns relating to the current functioning of Home Office processes and administration.

10. [REDACTED] **AWERB:** The NVS summarised the most recent [REDACTED] AWERB meeting and the Project Licences that were discussed.

11. (a) Project licences under consideration:

PL19-22 :

This application is for a service licence for the [REDACTED] by a well established and very experienced PI, easy to understand no problematic procedures. It was noted that the application was very well written and straightforward with only a few minor comments, as detailed below. It was agreed that the committee are happy to approve this with minor amendments suggested.

- It would be useful to have some examples, beyond [REDACTED], expanded upon.
- Ensure that it is clear that this is a service licence and not a scientific PPL.
- It is not entirely clear why the licence is not offered as a service to others. Is it specifically for this group only?
- Why is there not a standard requirement for analgesia following fin clipping?
- Put references in to show that it covers HGC.

PL21-22:

This PPL is a transfer to a PPL holder who has many years working in the same field. This is a very experienced PPL holder who is very familiar with the models. No issues with the transfer of this licence.

Amendments – for consideration by full committee:



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none

Applications submitted and considered by the amendment Sub-Committee

Approved: A25-22, A33-22

12. **Animal Return figures:** The committee were updated on the animal return figures pre and post pandemic. It was noted that the pandemic has had an impact on the numbers of animals used in 2020 with an increase in 2021.
13. **A.O.C.B:**
Members were surveyed on how to hold these meetings. It was decided that 3 meetings a year in person from autumn onwards.

Date of next Meeting: 28/06/2022 10am MS teams