



Animal Welfare and Ethical Review Board (AWERB) Minutes 07/12/21

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 07/12/2021

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1. **Welcome** The Chair welcomed the new chair from [REDACTED] AWERB as an observer– Apologies – [REDACTED]
 2. **Minutes of Meeting held on 26th October 2021: approved**
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3. Named person and Director updates

Directors update:

- **Deputy Director (Facilities):** New appointment has been w/e/f 1 December 2021
- **Recruitment:** Continuing in good shape. All posts now filled which is great and staff will stabilise now.
- **Audit:** Went very well with positive feedback. Very positive regarding systems, processes and consistency from staff across the board. Written report due by end of December 2021 and will discuss at next AWERB.

4. NVS update

- **Condition 18:** the NVS presented recent condn 18 reports to the committee. Issues related to new approaches to reporting death in GA lines to the HO were discussed
- **Audit:** pre-Audit checks, we had great help from all facility staff.
- **Cage Cards:** Internal discussions ongoing regarding who should be the responsible person named on the card.

5. NACWO update:

- **Audit:** Good feedback from FM and NACWO and good feedback on answers given.
- [REDACTED]: Cagewash refurbishment on track and going well. PET scan is in holding room for now.
- [REDACTED]: [REDACTED] mice being used for experimental work. Technician's now have more involvement in 3R's committee.
- **Festive Period:** Christmas Notice and rotas are up in facilities.

6. NTCO update:

- **PIL /training:** working with Facility Managers to ensure all technician training records up to date. Should be up to date by end of October 2021. Researchers have also been prompted to review.



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7. **HOLC update to the committee**

- **Audit:** Covered in Director update.
- **Licensing:** Progress has been made in turnaround time. Dialogue been set up with Inspectors which is very helpful and feel progress is being made in new way of working.
- **Audit:** Two training sessions on ASPeL carried out and technicians & NACWO's up to speed with how to search for licences. All BVS technicians retrained.

8. **(a) Project licences under consideration:**

PL30-21:

This was a very well written PPL from, the main focus of which is to determine [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] This is a new application, which has been really well written with no concerns.

Overall AD, GA no comments. Really clear benefits, well written. Severities for protocols are slightly out and require checking.

PL31-21

This is a transfer of a PPL with the proposed change to a senior member of group, with 10 years' experience with the group. Only name changes and transfer in the system. All very supportive of this transfer

(b) Amendments – for consideration by full committee:

Applications submitted and considered by the amendment Sub-Committee

Full committee: A66-21 [REDACTED]

The committee reviewed the proposed amendment in detail and significant concerns were raised. The amendment was rejected on the grounds that the benefits could not be seen to outweigh the significant costs described.

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Approved: A64-21 [REDACTED]

9. **Feedback from Audit** [REDACTED]: All above in Director's update.

10. **GA Appendices: Zebrafish (discussion: All):** An issue was raised regarding justification on GM lines being too detailed. A discussion was had and it was agreed that should the predicted severity be Mild then no requirement of GA Appendix 1a it would only be required if Moderate or above.



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11. A.O.C.B:

For next meeting – renewal of ■ PPL. ■ suggested asking ■ to do a presentation at January meeting.

Date of next Meeting: 25th January 2022 10am MS teams