

# Animal Welfare and Ethical Review Body (AWERB)

17/11 A meeting of the Animal Welfare and Ethical Review Body (AWERB) was held in Committee Room 2, Whiteknights House on Thursday 1 June 2017 at 10.00 am.

Present:

[Redacted, Sec. 40]  
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In attendance:

[Redacted, Sec. 40]

Apologies were received from [Redacted, Sec. 40].

17/12 Minutes of the last meeting

The minutes of the last meeting held on 10 February 2017 were approved.

17/13 Matters Arising

AWERB noted that [Redacted, Sec. 40] and [Redacted, Sec. 40] had met further outside of the meeting to discuss communications and web updates following the UAR visit.

guidance suggested web page content, including: University Policy; responsibility and accountability; FAQs; statistics on animal use; Openness Concordat; legislation; AWERB; and external links. In order to demonstrate

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studies of examples of science and activities being undertaken to advance the 3Rs. The case studies were an opportunity to highlight the importance and need for the science whilst also emphasising the 3Rs aspects, or to illustrate the link between good animal welfare and good quality scientific data.

It was agreed that the guidance provided by NC3Rs along with the information provided by UAR would help the University in planning its communications and web pages. AWERB asked [Redacted, Sec. 40] and [Redacted, Sec. 40] to provide for the next meeting a written update on the work undertaken to date and upcoming activities planned.

**Action:** [Redacted, Sec. 40]

In regard to other matters raised it was noted that:

- x Since the UAR visit three members of academic staff had undertaken UAR training ([Redacted, Sec. 40]).
- x [Redacted, Sec. 40] had gathered a number of examples of good practice from across the sector following the recent Concordat 3<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary event.
- x F Ä Ä compete for an openness award. It would be essential to identify what sort of resource would be required to achieve this aim; [Redacted, Sec. 40] was asked to consider this matter further. Ä

**Action:** [Redacted, Sec. 40]

- x There was a difference in the figures published between research Ä Ä Ä Ä in relation to the numbers of animals used in regulated procedures. AWERB noted that both sets of figures were in the public domain. In the interests of openness both sets of figures should be made available, wherever possible and subject to commercial considerations, with an explanation detailing why the data was different.
- x The University currently published data by academic School and species, but had not yet published severity data. AWERB agreed in principle that severity data should be published; [Redacted, Sec. 40] was asked to bring back to the next meeting an example of what the data might look like.

**Action:** [Redacted, Sec. 40]

AWERB received a tabled pro forma for mid-term and end of contract review. The pro forma had been devised with more yes/no answers and had been designed to allow lay members to focus on the progress of the project and not the process. It was hoped that the form would also be less onerous for staff to complete.

Members of AWERB welcomed the approach taken. It was suggested that it might be helpful to ask whether there had been any infringements, whether there had been any Home Office involvement, and to record any research outputs. < 3 FEB DUFE 4 FD > asked members to pass any further comments on the format of the pro forma to [Redacted, Sec. 40], no later than 8 June 2017. It was hoped that the form could be trialled on a number of projects in the Autumn Term.

It was noted that Retrospective Reviews would still be subject to requirements from the Home Office.

< 3 FEB DUFE 4 FD > thanked [Redacted, Sec. 40] for pro forma which was much appreciated.

It was reported that this item was being checked by the < 3 FEB DUFE 4 FD >, with colleagues. [Redacted, Sec. 40] agreed to report back on the outcome as soon as it was known.

**Action:** [Redacted, Sec. 40]

It was reported that no progress had been made on revisions. [Redacted, Sec. 40] agreed to follow up on this action and to report back in writing to the next meeting of AWERB.

**Action:** [Redacted, Sec. 40]

It was reported that no progress had been made on non-ASPA regulated projects. [Redacted, Sec. 40] agreed to investigate this further and to report back in writing to the next meeting of AWERB.

**Action:** [Redacted, Sec. 40]

#### 17/14 Health and Life Sciences Building

[Redacted, Sec. 40] provided an oral report to AWERB in relation to welfare and ethical issues in the BRU and the move to the new Health and Life Sciences Building.

It was reported that:



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**Action:** [Redacted, Sec. 40]

17/15 Review of the Animal Research Policy

The AWERB received and noted the Animal Research Policy which had last been reviewed in 2016.

Suggestions for changes included:

- x To reflect that not all changes overseen by ASPA
- x To recognise what documents had already been published.
- x Research Animal Department - not a branch
- x

Members of AWERB were asked to forward any further changes to the Secretary.

17/16 Items for future meetings

It was agreed that the following items would be discussed, in each case on the basis of a written paper, at the next meeting:

- x Progress on moves to the new Health and Life Sciences Building
- x Progress on the 3Rs. [Redacted, Sec. 40], were asked to produce a report for the Spring Term meeting on progress on the 3Rs.

**Action:**