

**University of Nottingham**  
**Animal Welfare and Ethical Review Body**  
**Thursday 17 January 2019**

**MINUTES**

14 Members Present, 12 Apologies, 3 in Attendance.

**19/01 Minutes**

RECEIVED: The minutes of the meeting held on 6 December 2018.

RESOLVED: That the minutes be approved.

**19/02 Matters arising from the Minutes**

**(a) Action log**

The action log from the previous meeting had been presented to AWERB and progress updates provided to members. This included:

- (1) That the AWERB Document had been updated and was with the Registrar for approval.
- (2) That the survey had been circulated from the Faculty 'task and finish' group.
- (3) That mouse handling refinement trials would be run.
- (4) That one application had been held up by a grant application and another was still awaiting a response.
- (5) That the retrospective assessment question had been updated to reflect Section 5.17.
- (6) That members of the AWERB would review the University staff AWERB Workspace.
- (7) That BSU charges were in line with other units.
- (8) That a colleague in the School of Veterinary Medicine and Science would be invited to the next appropriate AWERB to present the annual report.

**(b) Applications considered at last meeting [Minute 18/58]**

REPORTED: That one application had been submitted on ASPeL and granted and another had not yet been received.

**(c) Use of Office 365 for AWERB**

REPORTED: That the AWERB would move towards using Office 365 'Teams' by piloting it with one project licence to allow simultaneous editing of Word documents. Training would be provided by IS at the away day. It was noted that associates would have access to Office 365 using their associate University of Nottingham accounts.

### **19/03 Project Licence Applications**

#### **Ms AA**

REPORTED: That the proposed work involved assessing the pharmacokinetic properties of substances with potential for the treatment of human disease.

A series of comments were made on the application by the NACWO, NVS and NC3Rs representative. Questioning primarily focused around animal models of disease and biomarkers, the experience for an individual animal and refinements.

RESOLVED: It was recommended that the application be approved subject to comments being addressed.

### **19/04 Non-UK Study**

#### **Mr AA**

REPORTED: That the proposed work involved antimicrobials for corneal infection.

A series of comments were made on the application by the NACWO, NVS, NC3Rs representative and AWERB members. Questioning primarily focused around anesthesia and analgesia, bacterial strains and meeting UK codes of practice.

RESOLVED: That the AWERB would give approval subject to comments being addressed and would review it again if funded ~3months before *in vivo* work started.

### **19/05 3Rs update**

REPORTED: An update was given by the NC3Rs representative. This included:

- (1) That NC3Rs was undertaking a blinding study talking to PIs in Nottingham.
- (2) That a member of AWERB spoke at the NC3Rs workshop about the University of Nottingham refined mouse handling strategy.
- (3) That EDA would be used with a few key applicants.
- (4) That the University had contributed to a nation-wide project to monitor levels of mouse aggression led by the NC3Rs. A time would be arranged for the technicians here to watch the webinar when results of the study will be discussed.
- (5) That two NC3Rs studentships has been awarded to the University of Nottingham and one fellowship.
- (6) That project grant outlines had been submitted last week and that four applications were under consideration from the University of Nottingham.

### **19/06 Re-homing Policy (for approval)**

REPORTED: That the policy on rehoming of animals at the University of Nottingham had been reviewed. It was noted that BSU staff are requested not to have rodents as pets due to biosecurity risks.

RESOLVED: That all AWERB members were comfortable with the revised draft subject to one minor change.

**19/07 PETA Campaign and FOI requests**

REPORTED: That the University had received a FOI request for figures on animals used in 2018. PETA had encouraged people to send letters to VCs regarding the use of animals in research.

RESOLVED: That 2018 figures would be reported on the website once the information was available. The additional statistics on breeding and genotyping of animals for scientific procedures would be added at that time. A response to the letters from PETA had been made available on the website.

**19/08 Summary of PPL applications and amendments**

REPORTED: That a summary spreadsheet tracking progress of PPL applications and amendments was available. That five applications had been approved by AWERB and not yet submitted; one full submission had been received for the next meeting; two amendments had not yet been submitted to the HO and one application had not progressed since October 2018 which the NACWO would follow up.

**19/09 Approvals by Fast-Track Procedure for Report**

REPORTED: That three project licence amendments had been approved by fast-track procedure.

**19/10 Project licences granted by the Home Office**

REPORTED: That six project licences had been granted by the HO.

**19/11 Any Other Business**

REPORTED: That the agenda for the away day would be circulated shortly to include a review of the standard AWERB process (including EDA), non-UK work and Office 365. AWERB members were encouraged to send any ideas to the Chair.