

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

Minutes of the Animal Welfare and Ethical Review Body held 5/11/19

1. Welcome The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked them for attending.
2. Attendance and Apologies– please see separate sheet
3. Minutes of Meeting held on 22/10/19: Approved

4. Matters arising and action point summary

- **NTS review:** consider producing “local” versions of non-technical summaries possibly based on areas of science rather than PPLs to be added to the existing public website- **AP** discuss at next AWERB

5. Named person update
NVS update: issues discussed

- reported back on the UK response to recent German Laboratory expose. Large Animal Welfare Day at well attended. External interest in pig farrowing set up at NVS involved in careers day at

NACWO update

- Looking at some issues around use of univentors for extended anaesthesia with specific models- being investigated. Tube handling roll out going well. New Deputy Manager for one of the facilities.

NTCO update: issues discussed

- Scotpil has been reaccredited by – very positive feedback.

6. Consideration of Project licence applications and amendments

PL33-19 This project licence is from an experienced group leader with an excellent track record in the filed and a well funded research group, this is a renewal application. The application was approved pending revision of the points below:

- NTS- too complex for a lay summary request that applicant shortens/clarifies some of the terminology used in the NTS.
- Action/project plan: The objectives need to have clearer milestones in place at the moment these appear open-ended,
- The application would benefit from the inclusion of standard wording e.g. Standardised and assessed finclip protocol VSS_SOP17_032.

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- Consider the option for a moderate breeding protocol and add if necessary, revise wording in breeding and maintenance protocol with standard home office guidance.
- In some places, the option for continued use is missing for example in protocol 3.
- NMBA and Anaesthesia: check details and order of procedures unclear is anaesthesia will be used first.
- Adverse effects: general points throughout relate to clear humane endpoints, expected clinical signs and in some sections missing information on adverse effects (if none expected this needs to be clarified on the new form).

Amendment applications submitted to the sub-committee

Full AWERB review:

A53-19 and A81-19: approved no issues raised, both amendments have already obtained feedback from the review panel.

Sub-committee review: **A74-19** approved

7. AOCB:

Discipline group

Feedback from subgroup meeting - Agreed no need for policy document as there are university existing documents that cover this and we should make best use of these perhaps with a single AWERB document that summarises processes rather than policy. Action summary document

Date of next Meeting: 10th December 2019 Seminar 5