

Genetic Modification and Biological Safety Committee (GMBSC)

Membership

Chair (appointed by Council)

Deputy Chair

Biological Safety Adviser

A technically competent member (one each) from the various research streams of Medicine, Biological Science, Chemistry and Engineering

Two representatives of the academic staff (one each from the Highfield campus and Southampton General Hospital campus)

A representative of the Health, Safety, Business Continuity and Risk Directorate

Two postgraduate students (one each from the Highfield campus and Southampton General Hospital campus)

Secretariat provided by Governance Services.

Note: To be quorate 6 Committee members must be present at each meeting.

Terms of reference

- i. To assist the University of Southampton in effectively discharging its responsibilities with regard to regulation 8 of The Genetically Modified Organisms (Contained Use) Regulations 2014 and schedule 3 of the Control of Substances Hazardous to Health Regulations 2002 (as amended).
- ii. To report to the University Executive Board via the Director of Health, Safety, Business Continuity and Risk.
- iii. To receive for review and to provide advice on risk assessments for all contained use activities in relation to the Genetically Modified Organisms (Contained Use) Regulations 2014.
- iv. To receive for review and to provide advice on risk assessments for all hazard group 3 contained use activities in relation to the Control of Substances Hazardous to Health (as amended) Regulations 2002, Regulation 7(10) Schedule 3.
- v. To receive for review and to provide advice on risk assessments for all activities involving animal pathogens under Schedule 1 of the Specified Animal Pathogens Order 2008.
- vi. To receive for review and to provide advice on risk assessments for all activities involving agents under Part 7, Schedule 5 of the Anti-Terrorism, Crime and Security Act 2001.
- vii. To provide consent in relation to items (I to IV) above such that work may commence, subject to any further consent from enforcement agencies as may be required.
- viii. To delegate consent for commencement of GM Activity Class 1 projects to the Biological Safety Adviser ahead of formal review by the GMBSC.
- ix. To delegate consent for commencement of Control of Substances Hazardous to Health Hazard group 2 projects to the Biological Safety Adviser.