

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

- 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).
- To report to the University Executive Board via the Director of Health, Safety, Business Continuity and Risk.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- To delegate consent for commencement of GM Activity Class 1 projects to the Biological Safety Adviser ahead of formal review by the GMBSC.
- To delegate consent for commencement of Control of Substances Hazardous to Health Hazard group 2 projects to the Biological Safety Adviser.