

## Genetic Modification and Biological Safety Committee (GMBSC)

### Terms of reference 2020 – 2021

- 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.

## Membership

Chair (appointed by Council)	Professor Bill Keevil
Deputy Chair	Dr Mark Pickett
University Biological Health and safety Manager	Mr Richard Lockey
A technically competent member (one each) from the various research streams of Medicine, Biological Science, Chemistry and Ocean and earth Sciences	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Dr Christopher McCormick (Medicine)</li> <li>2. Dr Paul Skipp (Biological Sciences)</li> <li>3. Dr Seung Lee (Chemistry)</li> <li>4. Dr John Gittins (Ocean and Earth Sciences)</li> </ol>
Two representatives of the academic staff (one each from the Highfield campus and Southampton General Hospital campus)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Dr Sandra Wilks (Highfield)</li> <li>2. Vacant (SGH)</li> </ol>
A representative of the Health, Safety, Business Continuity and Risk Directorate	Mr Richard Lockey
Two postgraduate students (one each from the Highfield campus and Southampton General Hospital campus)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Christian Cox (Highfield)</li> <li>2. Vacant</li> </ol>
Representatives with specialist knowledge, to be invited to attend when required	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Clinical trials expert - Vacant</li> </ol>
Secretariat provided by Governance Services	Ms Rosanna Newey

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