

Wendy Park

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Dear Wendy Park,

G01156: Freedom of Information Request

We refer to your request for information dated 22/07/2022 under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (the "Act").

Please find below your question, with the University's corresponding response.

Question

I am writing to make an open government request for all the information to which I am entitled under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. I request to know the information for the year 2021 (01/01/2021 to 31/12/2021).

1. Did your university conduct experiments on animals in the year 2021?
2. How many animals were used in experiments (species & number of each)?
3. How many animals were bred on the premises (species & number of each)?
4. What was the nature and outcome of these experiments?
5. What are the Home Office licence classifications for these experiments in terms of pain, lasting harm, etc. if classified (species & number of each)?
6. Were the animals used for medical or non medical research?
7. Which departments of your university were or are engaged in such research?
8. How many animals were killed without being used for experiments (species & number of each)?
9. How many animals rehomed (species & number of each)?

10. Of those that were not re-homed, why not?
11. Does the university receive an income for performing animal research?
12. Does the university incur any costs by performing animal research?
13. Does the university receive an income for performing animal research?
14. Does the university incur any costs by performing animal research?
15. Were there more non-animal research methods used than animal methods?

Answer

In accordance with [Section 1\(1\)\(a\)](#) of the Act, we confirm that the University holds the information of the description specified in your request, in part, as some of the requested information does not exist.

Of the requested information that exists, this is exempt from disclosure in accordance with Section 21 of the Act, in part.

Question 1

Yes.

Question 2

Information pertaining to Question 2 of your request is publicly available, through the University's website at: <https://www.southampton.ac.uk/aweb/annual-report.page> it is reasonably accessible to you by other means, and the disclosure is exempt by virtue of [section 21](#) of the Act.

Please see the link below to public facing webpage with numbers of animals used in regulated procedures under the Animals (Scientific Procedures) Act 1986 (ASPA). This includes all genetically altered animals but does not include wild type animals that were not used in regulated procedures.

Question 3

13,544 mice.

Question 4

Basic Research	
Sensory organs (Skin, eyes, ears)	27
Musculoskeletal	170 mice, 3 rabbits, 128 chicken embryos
Urogenital / reproductive system	61
Immune system	5190
Endocrine system / metabolism	104
Multisystemic	25
Nervous system	364 mice, 13 rats
Oncology	16

Breeding/maintenance of colonies of established genetically altered animals not used in other procedures	6098
Total	12,055 mice, 13, rats, 3 rabbits, 128 chicken embryos

The University does not keep a centralised record of the outcome for each experiment and therefore, this part of the question cannot be disclosed as the requested information does not exist.

Question 5

Information pertaining to Question 5 of your request is publicly available, through the University's website at: <https://www.southampton.ac.uk/awerb/annual-report.page> it is reasonably accessible to you by other means, and the disclosure is exempt by virtue of [section 21](#) of the Act.

Question 6

All animals were used for medical research or were genetically altered animals that may or may not have been used, but which must be included in the annual return of procedures under ASPA.

Other animals were used in other types of research such as conservation that have not been included as they are not regulated under ASPA.

Question 7

- Faculty of Medicine
- Faculty of Environment and Life Sciences; and
- Faculty of Engineering and Physical Sciences.

Question 8

5056 mice.

Question 9

None.

Question 10

Animals were not rehomed because they were either unsuitable for rehoming (for example, were genetically altered) or because suitable homes could not be found for them.

Question 11

Yes.

Question 12

Yes.

Question 13

Yes.

Question 14

Yes.

Question 15

This information cannot be disclosed as it does not exist. There is no centralised record of non-animal research and therefore, no comparison can be made. However, we do promote non-animal research methods and it is a legal requirement under ASPA, that if a non-animal method is available, it must be used.

If you do not feel that we have dealt with your request in accordance with the requirements of [Part 1](#) of the Act, you may request a review. Your request for a review **must** specify in what respect you

consider that the requirements of [Part I](#) of the Act have not been met; mere dissatisfaction with our response is insufficient. Please address your request for a review by completing the [form](#) and selecting Fol Review.

In accordance with section 5.3 of the [Code of Practice](#), a request for a review must be sent within 40 working days of the date of this letter. The University is not obliged to accept any requests for a review beyond 40 working days. We will acknowledge your request for a review and endeavour to respond within 20 working days of its receipt but please note that a deadline for a review response is not prescribed by the Act.

The Information Commissioner is responsible for enforcing rights of access to information and the operation of the publication scheme. You may apply to the Information Commissioner in writing (FOI/EIR Complaints Resolution, Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire SK9 5AF) or [electronically](#) for a decision whether, in any specified respect, your request for information has been dealt with by the University in accordance with the requirements of [Part I](#) of the Act. The Information Commissioner will not normally act unless they are satisfied that the University's review procedure has been exhausted.

Yours sincerely,

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