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28 July 2022

Dear [REDACTED]

Freedom of Information request: FOI2022/00226

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request received on the 8 July in which you requested the following:

Your request:

For 2021, re Animal Use under ASPA 1986

I note that during the year you were responsible for 169,989 procedures <https://www.ukri.org/about-us/mrc/our-policies-and-standards/research/research-involving-animals/facts-and-figures/>

1) Please can you tell me the number and species of animals, that were killed without being used for regulated procedures?

i.e. Additional statistics on breeding and genotyping of animals for scientific procedures last published in 2017 re Article 54 of Directive 2010/63/EU. If this data would exceed the FOIA time/cost limit please can I just have the figures for any specially protected species.

2) Were any animals rehomed in 2021? If so, please may I have their number and species. Again if this data would exceed the FOIA time/cost limit please can I just have the figures for any specially protected species.

3) Can you please tell me who are the establishments owned by the Medical Research Council (MRC) and if they each have a separate licence.

Our response

I can confirm UK Research and Innovation (UKRI) does hold information relevant to your request. Please see the information below relating to research using animals in Medical Research Council (MRC) research facilities.

MRC applies the principles of the 3Rs to replace, reduce and refine the use of animals in research and innovation in collaboration with the National Centre for the Replacement, Refinement and Reduction of Animals in Research (NC3Rs).

1) Please can you tell me the number and species of animals, that were killed without being used for regulated procedures?

The table below provides information for 2021 on the numbers and species of animals killed under Schedule 1 of the Animals (Scientific Procedures) Act 1986.

Animal Species	2021
All not returned (Schedule 1)	131,580
Mouse	130,814
Macaque	28
Fish	738

2) Were any animals rehomed in 2021? If so, please may I have their number and species.

No animals were rehomed from MRC licenced establishments in 2021.

3) Can you please tell me who are the establishments owned by the Medical Research Council (MRC) and if they each have a separate licence.

MRC establishments that carry out research using animals are listed below. Each establishment has a separate licence, except the MRC London Institute of Medical Sciences which sits within Imperial College London's licence.

MRC Laboratory of Molecular Biology
MRC London Institute of Medical Sciences
MRC Harwell (MRC Mary Lyon Centre)
MRC Centre for Macaques

If you have any queries regarding our response or you are unhappy with the outcome of your request and wish to seek an internal review of the decision, please contact:

Head of Information Governance
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Please quote the reference number above in any future communications.

If you are still not content with the outcome of the internal review, you may apply to refer the matter to the Information Commissioner for a decision. Generally, the ICO cannot make a decision unless you have exhausted the review procedure provided by UKRI. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: www.ico.org.uk.

If you wish to raise a complaint regarding the service you have received or the conduct of any UKRI staff in relation to your request, please see UKRI's complaints policy: <https://www.ukri.org/about-us/policies-and-standards/complaints-policy/>

Yours sincerely,


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