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28 July 2022

Dear [REDACTED],

Freedom of Information request: FOI2022/00222

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request received on the 6 July in which you requested the following:

Your request:

Please can you tell me

(a) How many Rhesus Macaques are currently housed at the Centre for Macaques?

(b) In 2021, how many Rhesus Macaques from the Centre for Macaques were supplied to external research facilities?

And if possible, are you able to say what type of facilities these were? i.e Academic.

(c) What was the mortality rate for Rhesus Macaques at the Centre for Macaques in 2021?

(d) Are you able to provide me with 2021 inspection report(s) on the primates? Or do I need to contact the Home Office for this?

Our response

I can confirm UK Research and Innovation (UKRI) does hold some of the information relevant to your request and the MRC Centre for Macaques.

UKRI 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).

Please see the information below.

(a) How many Rhesus Macaques are currently housed at the Centre for Macaques?

210 Rhesus Macaques are currently housed at the MRC Centre for Macaques

(b) In 2021, how many Rhesus Macaques from the Centre for Macaques were supplied to external research facilities?

And if possible, are you able to say what type of facilities these were? i.e Academic.

In 2021 16 Rhesus Macaques were supplied to UK Academic Institutes.

(c) What was the mortality rate for Rhesus Macaques at the Centre for Macaques in 2021?

At the end of 2021 there were 198 Rhesus Macaques in the colony, during that year two died unexpectedly, one still-birth and one infant.

(d) Are you able to provide me with 2021 inspection report(s) on the primates? Or do I need to contact the Home Office for this?

The MRC Centre for Macaques was inspected by the Home Office in October 2021. UKRI does not hold a copy of the final report, this is retained by the Home Office.

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

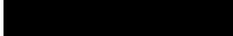
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Please quote the reference number above in any future communications.

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.

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Yours sincerely,


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