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From [REDACTED] Named Information and Compliance Support Officer
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Process-

Compliance Assurance Meetings (CAMs) have been created to ensure Governance outside of the Act, to protect individuals and to ensure due process and systems are implemented within the division of University Biomedical Services for the Establishment Licence Holder to ensure we learn from issues that arise and feed these back into the system.

Event-

The Scientist returned to the facility at 6.30pm, after animal care staff had left, the scientist noticed loss of equipment from the implantation device and was worried this would affect the research, loss of animals and cost. He spent 4 hours searching for the device in the animal pen and the Scientist left the facility at 10.30pm without checking the animal or releasing it from the soft restraint device it had been placed in. This was to facilitate lone working to access the sheep head implant without the animal struggling or moving and was not a licenced procedure.

Animal care staff arrived in the morning and released the sheep. There appeared to be no adverse effect to the health of the animal or evidence of the animal having been struggling. Evidence and facts have been collected, the PI has spoken at length to the Licensee and they have taken every effort to put efficient measures in place and assurances this mistake is not repeated. The PI has spoken to the Home Office Inspector who confirmed there was no infringement to the A(SP)A 1986 and that they were in agreement with the actions and assurances taking place.

A Compliance Assurance Meeting was selected as the most appropriate means of action to ensure governance and compliance and, setting processes in place to impress there is no repetition of this event.

Action-

- a) Always inform the PI (ensure you have all contact details) 24 hours for any concerns arising from animal care, husbandry, research or regulated procedures.
- b) Procedures put in place to ensure there is no repetition:
 - a. Isolation Rooms Check list
 - i. Opening up
 - ii. Instrumentation
 - iii. Closing down
 - iv. Sheep Restrained Sign
 - b. Undergo training with the PPL/PI





- c. Update/Initiate Training and Competency records incorporating restraint procedure
- c) Initiate Standard Operating Procedures for restraining procedure/process and send to NTCO.
- d) Ensure University of Cambridge Concerns Poster is visible in all animal areas.