



Diet Restriction

Not pursued as non-compliance

What happened?

- Two batches of animals (totalling 64 rats) on restricted feeding were not fed following a request from the PIL holders for the technicians to feed them over the weekend.

What did we learn?

- LO-1, If a technician finishes their PM check after a senior has carried out their Senior check, an additional final check may be required.
- LO-2, No current standardised process document (SOP) for restricted feeding in place.
- LO-3, One handover sheet for the team to work with at weekends is not ideal and can lead to missing important information.

Why did we have to report it?

- PEL 4 (3) & (5): Animals were left without food and there was a failure in our checking process preventing the check from occurring.

What did we change?

- Established an SOP to set expectations in regard to process management and communications between the PILs and animal facility to ensure procedures are accommodated correctly.
- Considered a mechanism to allow for signing off weekend tasks requested by PILs to ensure all listed requirements are captured.
- Additional weekend handover sheets have been made available so technicians are able to carry an individual one with them.

PEL Standard Conditions

4(3)

Unless otherwise authorised by the Secretary of State an environment, housing, freedom of movement, food and water appropriate for the health and well-being of each protected animal shall be provided

4(5)

The health and well-being of protected animals, and the environmental conditions in all parts of the establishment where animals are kept, shall be checked at least once daily by a competent person. Arrangements shall be made to ensure any defect discovered and any avoidable pain, suffering, distress or lasting harm discovered is eliminated as quickly as possible.