



Mice did not receive a daily check

Letter of Inspector Advice received



What happened?

- 8 mice housed in metabolic cages did not receive a daily check.

What did we learn?

LO-1, This room had not been used for 6 months. It was on the weekend handover sheet as requiring a check, but only one sheet was available for all staff members.

LO-2, The member of staff had not been shown this room before being required to check it at the weekend.

Why did we have to report it?

- PEL 4 (5): There was a failure in the process and animals were not checked for 1 day.

What did we change?

- A weekend handover sheet per technician has replaced a central one which allows staff to carry the sheet around with them. Staff are required to sign this as tasks are completed.
- A new process has been implemented for informing staff when animals are due to be in this room and how this is documented on the weekend handover sheet.

PEL Standard Condition

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.