



Regulated Procedure Performed in Unauthorised Room

Inspector Advice received



What did we learn?

- LO-1, The PIL believed the pre-op room was designated for surgical techniques. In this area of the facility there was nothing to show the designations of the rooms.
- LO-2, There is no refresher training on room designations following the initial induction to the surgical suite.
- LO-3, Surgical procedures must be performed with assistance to achieve an aseptic technique. The PIL proceeded without assistance when performing this procedure.
- LO-5, The anaesthesia rig had been left on after this procedure had been completed. This poses a health and safety risk to other users of this area with inhalation gases potentially being expelled into the environment.
- LO-6, The holding room where the rat was housed was under quarantine, and signs were present to indicate this. The PIL removed rat from this area and moved it to a surgical suite without first consulting the NACWO, therefore risking the biosecurity of the surgical area.

Why did we have to report it?

- There was a minor breach of PEL SC13.

What happened?

- A surgical procedure was performed on a rat in a room not correctly designated for that use.

What did we change?

- The PEL Schedule of Premises is now available on the UBS website and can be accessed by all PIL and PPL holders.
- Signs have been placed on sterile hoods in the surgical area to highlight the correct designated use.
- Refresher training is now to be given to staff on designations in this area.
- Requirements regarding aseptic procedures, biosecurity and health and safety were reinforced.

SC PEL Standard Conditions

PEL SC13, Unless otherwise authorised by the Secretary of State:

- a) only the types of protected animals specified in the licence may be kept in the place or places specified in the licence for the purpose of the regulated activities specified in the licence
- b) for the purpose of the regulated activities specified in the licence, these animals may only be kept, bred and used in the areas listed in the schedule to the licence.