

Mouse pup left in undesignated procedure room Not pursued as non-compliance

What happened?

- A 2-week-old mouse pup was left over night in a procedure room.

Why did we have to report it?

- It was a potential breach of PEL condition 4(3) failure to provide food and water.



What did we learn?

LO-1:

A mouse pup was left overnight in a procedure room not designated for overnight holding.

The mouse pup escaped the cage during a health and sex check/ear notching procedure.

It was not noted by the person performing the task as they performed the count of the mice while working through the litter.

When identified as missing by checking the cage card number against the occupant ear notched, the mouse was thought to have succumbed to pre-weaning mortality so the escaped mouse process was not followed.

What did we change?

- Exploring the possibility of changing the process to count pups from the home cage into a separate, clean cage base before performing health and sex checks and ear notching.

SC 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.