

4. What is happening in your unit?

Date: Friday, 24/05/24

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To	: Committee Members	
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Su	ubject: AWERB Operations Committee	
Attendees:		
Apologies:		
Minutes:		
Mentioned within text:		
1.	Minutes The minutes from the meeting on 19 th April were agreed.	
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2.	Matters Arising	
	was to signpost colony management resources. This was circulated to all the User Meetings in the NVS updates.	
	The malocclusion workshop is nearly ready, there are some amendments to make to the exam. There	
	will be a trial run and the aim is for the course to start in June.	
	The PST Training has been completed.	
3.	Establishment Licence Holder Report/Update	
	has two room changes and has one room change.	
	is a new NIO going on to the PEL, will be added as NTCO and will be added as	
	NACWO. The Home Office are reviewing their Standard Condition 18 form which should be available soon.	
	Antibody licences now have additional conditions so a report must be submitted to AWERB before any	
	work can begin on any individual antibody. An update will be sent to the NACWOS.	
	A facilities audit will take place on 26 th June.	





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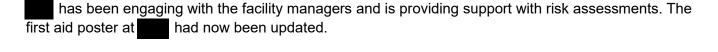
a)	what is happening with animals in your unit? has been working with on the dehydration on
b)	What is happening with staff in your unit? has moved from to There is a new senior on and a few vacancies in the lower grades. It is covering as Fish NACWO while expressed for retirement. He retires next Friday.
	has moved to is due back in July or August. has passed the NACWO course and has been a big help. There was a potential bank staff employee, but they went to Cancer Research instead. There is another potential bank staff that will be meeting with soon.
c)	What is happening with researchers in your unit? has had a researcher who has had an issue with rat eyes. staff have created blinkers for surgery to protect the eyes from the lights and have provided a different eye lube. has implemented a heat box which is greatly helping with recovery after surgery, and she has agreed to do an update at the next surgery technician meeting to share this refinement.
	Some of the PPL holders at have shown concern about the feedback from the Home Office about what should be reported under their Standard Condition 18's. They are still awaiting an update from the Home Office.
	SRG rats have arrived from the USA in gnotobiotic boxes that are very small. Last time they were sent they had too much hydrogel which leaked into the bedding, and they were sent over a bank holiday. This resulted in two being culled. Said they can only guarantee the health status of the animal if they are shipped in the gnotobiotic boxes. It is approaching to ask why they can't use the boxes we usually use and a due diligence travel plan.
5.	Overview of RCA's and SC18's There are a few ongoing RCA's. will be starting to lead on some over the next few weeks. There have been 37 SC18's since the last meeting. These include found dead, animals euthanased, and unexpected adverse effects. Three have been flagged, and one of those has gone to enforcement. Animals were put in a heated cabinet and the next day they were dead. Tecniplast said they were unable to find an issue. There will be more checks beforehand in the future.
6.	Biofacility Infrastructure have given their six-month notice. will be taking over. Autoclave has been commissioned for use.

7. Health and Safety (RA's, COSHH)





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8. Training and Competencies

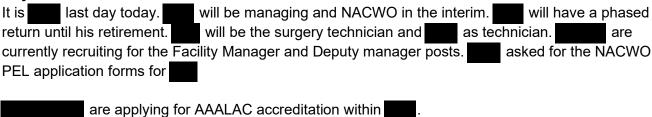
has been working on the "Colony Management Essentials" training which will be added to Moodle when it is completed.

There are places on the Researcher Assessor Course in June, Train the Trainer in September and the NACWO course in October.

10 people attended the IVC advanced training for seniors at

The Schedule 1 database email has been successful. The list will be available to NACWOS on MCMS. Everyone can check their own records.

9. Any other business



There was a conversation about the level of CO2 used. Guidance will be checked to ensure AAALAC will not flag this up. Rats can't rear in the cages on Level 0 so AAALAC will also flag this.

NC3RS have updated the single housing area for male mice on their website following the 3Hs meeting. Extra information has been added about husbandry.

Samples are usually taken a week after arrival in quarantine but there have been conversations around taking samples at 48 hours.

talk was well received at the staff event. to talk to about putting together some information about health screening, for reference material.

There was a question about and whether a non-reg is needed for sharing excess animals and tissues. It was agreed a non-reg is needed.

is going to to transfer training records on to MCMS.

Date of next meeting: Friday 21st June, Teams

