University of Cambridge
Animals (Scientific Procedures) Act 1986
Animal Welfare & Ethical Review Body

Standing Committee

Un-confirmed minutes of the AWERB Standing Committee held at 2pm on Monday 16 February 2015,

Present:

1. Apologies for absence
   Apologies were received from

   The welcomed the as a new lay member of the AWERB Standing Committee. is the Chaplain to all University of Cambridge Staff and has worked with previously who invited him to sit on the Committee.

2. The Unconfirmed Minutes of the meeting held on 19 January 2015 were confirmed.

3. Matters arising from the minutes
   noted the proposed visits of Committee members to various facilities mentioned in the previous minutes had yet to be arranged.

   The noted a recent invite he received to the UAR talk on the Addenbrooke’s site and queried as to whether it was connected to the AWERB.

   The Committee confirmed all actions were ongoing.

4. Correspondence
   Nothing to report.

5. New Project Licence Application – The Committee agreed more information was needed as to the work being carried out in the licence application. noted the licence applicant was currently working under another PPL within Cambridge University.

   The Committee discussed the following with the applicant:
   
   • Clarification sought on the basic science in the application.
   • Decapitation – address the process this is used in and how it will be carried out.
   • Addition of the correct coding to allow non-anaesthesia & a new protocol.
   • The time points must be addressed in relation to the animals used and when they would go through Schedule 1.
   • Clarification on future funding for the whole 5 years of the licence.
The Committee noted this was a well written licence application and agreed the licence could be forwarded to the Home Office following some minor wording changes and an adjustment to Protocol 2. To contact with the changes requested by the Committee.

   The Committee noted the current PPL was already in place at the Primary Establishment. The Committee were made aware certain parts of this work could not be carried out within the facilities here and could request changes be made if necessary to bring it up to the standards of the University of Cambridge. Made it clear the Committee must confirm to the applicant only the rodent work would be approved within the licence.

The Committee discussed the following issues:
   • Current containment level available within the University.
   • Clarification sought as to the severity levels in Protocol 2.
   • Justification needed as to why the work will be carried out in Protocol 3
   • Clarification requested on the footpad injections within Protocol 4.
   • Starting body weight, clarification under the weight loss protocol.
   • Information sought on the current funding for this licence.
   • Clarification sought on the proposed use of tail bleed under the licence

The Committee clarified with the applicant the lack of resources regarding facilities to carry out work involving rats and guinea pigs. The Committee agreed the PPL holder should return to the AWERB Standing Committee following completion of 6 months’ work on the licence at Cambridge University.

7. Any Other Business
   None

8. Ongoing Actions
   • Committee facility visits to arrange
   • PPL Applicant – , wording changes
   • Proposed University Policy on surgery technicians
   • Information to be distributed on the Accumulative Severity Seminar

10. Date of next meeting
   The next meeting will be held on Monday 16 March 2015.

Signed ………………………………… Chairperson Date ………………………