



Request Reference: 3500

FOI Request dated 24/09/2025 –

I am writing to make a request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, for information held by the University, which relates to animal research conducted under ASPA (Animals (Scientific Procedures) Act 1986).

- 1. Please advise me how many animals, and of which species, were subject to scientific research, covered by ASPA for 2024 and 2025 (to date if available).*
- 2. Please advise me of the specific purposes for which the procedures were conducted?*
- 3. Please advise me of the severity classifications for the above procedures.*
- 4. Please provide me with the AWERB (Animal Welfare and Ethical Review Body) minutes and reports from 2024 and 2025 (if available).*

Response

Q1-3

Return year	species	Other species	No of procedures	purpose	Actual severity
2024	Mice		24	basic	moderate
2024	Mice		96	basic	moderate
2024	Mice		1	basic	severe
2024	Rats		5	basic	moderate
2024	Mice		54	basic	moderate
2024	Mice		472	translational	moderate
2024	Mice		30	translational	moderate
2024	Mice		120	breeding	sub
2024	Other fish	Haplochromis spp.	1	basic	mild
2024	Other fish	Haplochromis spp.	32	basic	mild
2024	Mice		2	basic	severe
2024	Mice		78	basic	sub
2024	Brown Trout (Salmo Trutta)		2189	protection	mild
2024	Other fish	Barbel (Barbus barbus)	10	protection	moderate
2024	Other fish	Chub (Leuciscus cephalus)	10	protection	moderate
2024	Other fish	Common bream (Abramis brama)	12	protection	moderate
2024	Other fish	Pike (Esox lucius)	4	protection	moderate

2024	Other fish	Perch (<i>Perca fluviatilis</i>)	1	protection	moderate
2024	Other fish	Roach (<i>Rutilus rutilus</i>)	11	protection	moderate
2024	Other fish	Roach (<i>Rutilus rutilus</i>)	321	protection	sub
2024	Other fish	Roach (<i>Rutilus rutilus</i>)	69	protection	mild
2024	Other fish	Roach (<i>Rutilus rutilus</i>)	1	protection	severe

Q4 – Please find attached.

Section 1 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) places two duties on public authorities. Unless exemptions apply, the first duty at Section 1(1)(a) is to confirm or deny whether the information specified in a request is held. The second duty at Section 1(1)(b) is to disclose information that has been confirmed as being held. Where exemptions are relied upon Section 17 of FOIA requires that we provide the applicant with a notice which: a) states that fact b) specifies the exemption(s) in question and c) states (if that would not otherwise be apparent) why the exemption applies.

Disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act is deemed to be released to the public at large. Therefore, no information if deemed would identify a living individual would be released. Therefore section 40(2) of the Act is engaged in regard to staff names. As section 40(2) is an absolute exemption there is no requirement for me to conduct a public interest test. However, I am satisfied that disclosure would breach the 1st principle of the Data Protection Act – fair and lawful processing.