

Request Ref: 2749

FOI Request dated **10/11/2022** as follows -

I request to know the information for the year 2021 (01/01/2021 to 31/12/2021).

1. *Did your university conduct experiments on animals in the year 2021?*
2. *How many animals were used in experiments (species & number of each)?*
3. *How many animals were bred on the premises (species & number of each)?*
4. *What was the nature and outcome of these experiments?*
5. *What are the Home Office licence classifications for these experiments in terms of pain, lasting harm, etc. if classified (species & number of each)?*
6. *Were the animals used for medical or non-medical research?*
7. *Which departments of your university were or are engaged in such research?*
8. *How many animals were killed without being used for experiments (species & number of each)?*
9. *How many animals rehomed (species & number of each)?*
10. *Of those that were not re-homed, why not?*
11. *Does the university receive an income for performing animal research?*
12. *Does the university incur any costs by performing animal research?*
13. *Were there more non-animal research methods used than animal methods?*

Response

Q1,2,8 & 9 -

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.

It has been determined that this information is exempt on the basis that s21 of the Act applies – Information Reasonably Accessible by Other Means. As this exemption is absolute there is no requirement for me to conduct a public interest test, however in order to provide assistance I provide the following link - <https://www.hull.ac.uk/legal/docs/foi/other/2658-aspa-animal-research.pdf>

3 - 488 Mice and 2130 Haplochromide cichlids.

4 - Basic Research, Translational Research and Protection of the Natural Environment in the interests of the health or welfare of man or animals.

5 - Actual Severity reported Mice (168 MILD, 269 MODERATE, 9 SEVERE, 29 NON-RECOVERY, 494 SUBTHRESHOLD), Rats (27 MODERATE, 1 SEVERE), Fish (202 MILD, 171 MODERATE, 3 SEVERE).

6 – Both.

7 - Faculty of Health Science, Faculty of Science and Engineering.

10 – Animals not suitable for rehoming either due to genetic alteration or because post mortem necropsy required.

11 – No.

12 - Yes, utilities, staff, consumables etc.

13 – Information not held. Please note all animal work is scrutinised by AWERB and ASRU to ensure that the work is necessary, can't be carried out using non-animal alternatives and uses the least amount of lowest sentient animals possible to achieve its aims.