

Request Ref: 2892

FOI Request dated 06/06/2023 as follows –

I am writing to request the following information as an FOI. From 2019 to present, please may I have:

- *The number of animals who have died or were harmed during animal tests at your university.*
- *As well as overall figures for both, can I have this sorted by what species they are, and what tests were being conducted on them too.*

Response

2019 data –

Mice – 464
Rats – 5
Eel - 13
Lamprey (European river lamprey) - 1780
Lamprey – (Petromyzontiformes) - 60
Twaite shad - 25
Roach – 10

The research categories for the above would fall into either:

Basic Research
Translational Research
Protection of the natural environment.

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 links - <https://www.hull.ac.uk/legal/docs/foi/other/2658-aspa-animal-research.pdf> and <https://www.hull.ac.uk/legal/docs/foi/other/2749-animal-experiments.pdf>)