

Appendix 15 - Non Animal (Scientific Procedures) Act 1986 (NASPA) as amended in 2012 Sub-Committee (NASPA) of the University's Animal Welfare and Ethical Review Board

Terms of reference

1. To consider, proposals and amendments to existing protocols of research, expert services, and consultancy , carried out by members of and/or under the auspices/management of the University and involving the use of animals, which fall outside the Animal (Scientific Procedures) Act 1986 as amended in 2012- Animal (Scientific Procedures) Act; consideration will be made with reference to the likely harm to animals, their owners/carers and any human participants, the expected benefits of the work and how these considerations balance
2. To advise members of the University on matters related to the welfare of animals, in relation to the planning, management and execution of work outside the remit of Animal (Scientific Procedures) Act.
3. To promote the use of ethical review to increase awareness of animal welfare issues and encourage developments/implementation that will improve animal welfare
4. To provide a forum for discussion of issues relating to the use of animals and considering how members of the University can be kept up-to-date with relevant ethical advice, best practice and relevant legislation
5. To report periodically to the University's Animal Welfare and Ethical Review Board to ensure a coordinated approach to activities involving animals across the institution. The Chair of Non Animal (Scientific Procedures) Act 1986 (NASPA) will sit on the University's Animal Welfare and Ethical Review Board, to provide a link between the two.

Membership

Chair

As appointed by the Chair of the University's Animal Welfare and Ethical Review Board

Deputy-Chair

To be proposed as A member of Non Animal (Scientific Procedures) Act 1986 (NASPA by the Chair of the University's Animal Welfare and Ethical Review Board and appointed by the Chair

Nominated members

to be staff members at the University with relevant experience in research and/or ethical review

Co-opted members

to be external to the School of Veterinary Medicine, with relevant experience in research, animal welfare or ethics; at least one layperson not affiliated with the University and not involved in research will also be invited onto Non Animal (Scientific Procedures) Act 1986 (NASPA)

In attendance

- Research Integrity and Governance Office staff member (*Committee Secretary*)

- Research Integrity and Governance Office representatives, as and when required
- The Committee must have representation from both within and external to the School of Veterinary Medicine.
- Members and/ or former members/ representative/s of the University Ethics Committee Nominated by the UEC
- Research Integrity and Governance Office representative: Permanent observer from RIGO to answer Research Governance queries as and when needed. RIGO will provide the secretariat support to NASPA.

Operation

Proposals will be reviewed by Non Animal (Scientific Procedures) Act 1986 (NASPA) members who may be from within and/or external to the School of Veterinary Medicine. Each application will be assessed and reviewed according to the potential harm-benefit implications for the animals and any human participants. Non Animal (Scientific Procedures) Act 1986 (NASPA will seek advice from the University Ethics Committee in relation to this where deemed necessary. Proposals with little or no likely adverse welfare or harm-benefit implications may be reviewed by correspondence; activity which in the opinion of the reviewers has more substantial potential impact on participants and/or the animals will be reviewed at meetings.

Support for a favourable ethical opinion will only be given when there is agreement from all the reviewers concerned.

Reports to
Research Integrity and Governance Committee