

FOI Request – F005.15-16

I request the following information under the Freedom of Information Act, 2000.

I request to know if the University conducts experiments on living animals. If so, how many living animals are currently being held at the University of Warwick?

The University does conduct experiments on living animals. The number of animals held fluctuates, but the approximate current animal numbers (including breeding stock) are; rats 152, mice 2071, zebra fish 5016.

How many living animals were used in experiments between 01/01/2014 and 01/01/2015?

This information is recorded through our annual statistical returns to the Home Office. The total number of animals used in a regulated procedure (as defined by the Home Office) between 01/01/2014 and 31/12/2014 were 5001

Please provide a breakdown of the living animals used in experiments between 01/01/2014 and 01/01/2015 by species.

Of the 5001 animals that underwent a regulated procedure in 2014, 4228 were mice, 595 were rats and 178 were fish.

Which departments conducted these experiments?

The University of Warwick departments involved with these experiments were the School of Life Sciences and the Warwick Medical School.

What types of experiments on living animals were conducted?

PRIMARY PURPOSE (from the 2014 statistical returns)	SPECIES
Infectious Disorders	Mouse
Nervous System	Rat & Mouse
Nervous and Mental Disorders	Rat & Mouse
Musculoskeletal System	Mouse
Gastrointestinal System including Liver	Mouse
Endocrine System/Metabolism	Mouse
Ethology / Animal Behaviour / Animal Biology	Rat
Production of antibodies (non-medical research)	Mouse
Maintenance of colonies of established genetically altered animals, not used in other procedures	Rat, Mouse & Fish

Were the experiments for medical research, non-medical research, or both?

Mainly medical with some non-medical research (<2%)

Please provide a breakdown of the experiments (project licenses) by severity classification (unclassified, mild, moderate, substantial) as per the Animals (Scientific Procedures) Act, 1986.

In 2014 The University held project licences with the following severity; 6 mild licences, 8 moderate licences and 1 severe licence.