

Name Wendy Park

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Dear Wendy,

Many thanks for your request received on 26th April 2021 regarding animal experimentation. We have processed this in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000, and our response to each question is below.

Did your school conduct experiments on animals in the year 2020?

LSTM researchers did conduct experiments on animals in 2020. These were regulated procedures, approved and monitored by The UK Home Office under The Animals in Scientific Procedures Act 1986. These procedures were necessary to fulfil LSTM scientific research objectives to develop new drugs and therapeutics for tropical diseases.

If yes to the above question, how many animals were held on the premises for research purposes.

A total of 88 rodents were held on LSTM premises in 2020.

How many of each species of animal were used in experiments?

We used 79 mice and 9 gerbils.

What are the Home Office licence classification for these experiments in terms of pain, lasting harm, etc. if classified?

35 mice were classified as an overall severe rating, 44 mice were classified as an overall moderate rating and 9 gerbils were classified as an overall mild rating of likely pain and harm due to the procedure undertaken.

Were the animals used for medical or non medical research?

The animals were used for medical research.

Which departments of your school were or are engaged in such research?

Researchers based in the Faculty of Biological Sciences.

How many animals, held on the premises, were killed without being used for experiments?

All rodents used in 2020 had undergone regulated procedures prior to euthanasia by humane, Home Office approved method.

If any of this information is already in the public domain, please can you direct me to it, with page references and URLs if necessary.

More information on regulated procedures licenced to LSTM scientists can be found here:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/research-and-testing-using-animals#non-technical-summaries>

Should you be dissatisfied with our response, please contact us within a reasonable time (within 2 months of this response) to foi@lstmed.ac.uk

If you remain dissatisfied, you may appeal this decision to the Information Commissioner. The contact details for the Information Commissioner are Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire SK9 5AF, or via the website www.ico.gov.uk.

Should you require any further information or assistance in this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me at the above address.

Yours sincerely,

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Data Protection Officer