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Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002

REF: FOI 22-232

Dear Wendy

In response to your request for information received by the University on Tuesday 27 December 2022 at 15:47, please find the University's response on the next page.

Please note that the University was closed in the period Monday 26 December 2022 to Wednesday 3 January 2023 (inclusive).

Best wishes,

Queen Margaret University FOI

Your right to seek a review of how your information request was managed

If you are not satisfied with the University's response and/or our reasoning, you have the right to request a review of our decision. The time lines in which this right is available are set out in section 20(5)(a) and (b) FOISA. In broad terms the right to seek a review must be exercised within 40 working days of receiving this response.

Any request for review should be put in writing or some other permanent form and sent to the University, for example by email to xxx@xxx.xx.uk.

A request for a Review should:

- a) state your name and address;
- b) describe the nature of your original request; and
- c) explain the reasons why you are dissatisfied with our response.

If you remain dissatisfied with how your request for information has been dealt with following Review, you also have the right to apply to the Scottish Information Commissioner (SIC) for a decision. In the event of an appeal to the SIC, the Commissioner will generally only be able to investigate the matters raised in the request for review. Details on how to appeal to the Scottish Information Commissioner is available on their website: www.itspublicknowledge.info/Appeal

I am writing to make an open government request for all the information to which I am entitled under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. 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?

No.

2. How many animals were used in experiments (species & number of each)?

Question not applicable.

3. How many animals were bred on the premises (species & number of each)?

Question not applicable.

4. What was the nature and outcome of these experiments?

Question not applicable.

5. What are the Home Office licence classifications for these experiments in terms of pain, lasting harm, etc. if classified (species & number of each)?

Question not applicable.

6. Were the animals used for medical or non-medical research?

Question not applicable.

7. Which departments of your university were or are engaged in such research?

Question not applicable.

8. How many animals were killed without being used for experiments (species & a number of each)?

Question not applicable.

9. How many animals were rehomed (species & number of each)?

Question not applicable.

10. Of those that were not re-homed, why not?

Question not applicable.

11. Does the university receive an income for performing animal research?

Question not applicable.

12. Does the university incur any costs by performing animal research?

Question not applicable.

13. Were there more non-animal research methods used than animal methods?

Question not applicable.

14. Which non-animal research methods are available at the university?

We are unable to respond to your request because it is not clear what information you require. Please could you clarify what you mean by 'non-animal research methods'?

If possible, please provide clarification within 20 working days, that is by 17 February 2023.

Please see the [University's website](#), which may contain the information that you are looking for.