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Our ref: FOI 2012/050

Dear Mr Proctor,

Thank you for your email which was received by the University on 03 April 2012 requesting the following information:

"I request the following information under the freedom of information act 2005

I Request to know dose the inversity of stathclyde perform animal testing

I request to know how many animals were used in experiments inside Strathclyde University between 1st of January 2011 AND 1st of January 2012.

How many animals were held for use in experiments inside Strathclyde University between 1st of January 2011 AND 1st of January 2012 (if this differs from the above).

I request to know the type of animals kept or used for experiments between those dates. I request to know what these experiments were.

I request to know the Home Office licence classification for these experiments in terms of pain, lasting harm, etc. if classified.

I request to know if the animals used were for medical or non

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medical research”

University's response

I request to know does the University of Strathclyde perform animal testing

Yes, the University of Strathclyde performs animal testing under strictly controlled conditions in accordance with the information about 'the use of animals used in medical research' as contained in the UK Research Integrity Office's Code of Practice for Research available via:

<http://www.strath.ac.uk/media/departments/civilengineering/research/documents/good-practice.pdf>

Biomedical research involving the use of animals at the University of Strathclyde is carried out under the Animals (Scientific Procedures) Act 1986. The Act lays down strict guidelines and requires the licensing of research projects, the licensing of buildings in which they are carried out, and the licensing of the individuals conducting the work.

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How many animals were held for use in experiments inside Strathclyde University between 1st of January 2011 AND 1st of January 2012 (if this differs from the above).

This number does not differ from above.

I request to know the type of animals kept or used for experiments between those dates. I request to know what these experiments were.

The types of animals used are as follows:

Mice
Rats
Hamsters
Gerbils
Guinea Pigs
Rabbits
Pigs

Information regarding experiments is held by the individual project licence holders. It has been estimated that to identify and collate this information would exceed the fee limit as set out in the Freedom of Information (Fees for Required Disclosure) (Scotland) Regulations 2004. The fee limit set down by the Regulations is £600. Under Section 12 of FOISA, where the costs of provision exceed the threshold of £600, the University is not required to provide the information.

Please be advised that a modified request may reduce the costs of providing the information. Any modified request will be treated as a new request for the purposes of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 and given due consideration.

However, for information, the University's main areas of research include:

- Understanding of the mechanisms of parasite infections
- Drug Delivery
- Vaccine & Delivery Methods
- Drug Development
- Hearing Research
- Stroke
- Pulmonary Hypertension
- Cancer research gene delivery & radiation as therapies
- Obesity & Breast Cancer
- Diabetes & Obesity
- Heart Attack
- Heart Failure
- Drug Abuse & Psychiatric Diseases
- Schizophrenia
- Generation of In-Vitro Lines
- Brain damage and repair
- Vascular disease
- Drug metabolism
- Inflammation and infection
- Cardio bypass pathophysiology
- Development of anti-inflammatory drugs

I request to know the Home Office licence classification for these experiments in terms of pain, lasting harm, etc. if classified.

The University does not record license classification in the manner requested, but instead uses the UK system of Severity Classification. Accordingly, I have to advise you under section 17(1)(b) of the Act, that the University does not hold the information requested and is not aware of any other public authority which may hold relevant information.

The following information can however be provided:

<u>Overall severity limits</u>	<u>Primary Project Licences (%)</u>
Mild	30
Moderate	67
Substantial	0
Unclassified	3

I request to know if the animals used were for medical or non medical research

All research at the University of Strathclyde is medical research.

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The University will then undertake an internal review and inform you of the result of that review.

All such requests for review should be made in writing, setting out in full the nature of the enquiry to which it pertains. A request for review should be submitted within 40 working days of either the date on which you received a response from the University or the date by which you should have received a response under the terms of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002, whichever is the later.

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Yours sincerely,

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