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Freedom of Information Officer

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Ref: FOI/January 2018/ Eithne Gallagher

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Dear Ms Gallagher

Your request for information received on 21 January 2018 has been dealt with under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

You asked:

I write in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000 ("The

Act") to request the disclosure of data held which concerns the use of animals in research by Middlesex University ("The Public Authority").

For the avoidance of doubt the term 'animal research' is defined as regulated procedures governed by the Animal (Scientific Procedures) Act 1986 ("ASPA") and EU Directive 2010/63/EU ("The EU Directive").

The information I wish to request is as follows:

1. By species: How many animals were used in research by "The Public Authority" from January 1st 2017 to December 31st 2017?
2. Minutes, reports and correspondence of any Animal Welfare & Ethical Review Board ("AWERB"), formerly known as the Ethical Review Committee ("ERC"), or sub-committee at university level, including but not limited to departmental committees, from 2016, where these relate to experimentation or other work involving captive live animals, in addition to any guidance issued by these committees at any time if currently in use. For the avoidance of doubt the term 'committee' is used in broad definition and is inclusive of boards, groups or similarly natured structural enterprises.

I must stress that I do not seek data which identifies those under the institution's employ and agree for such information to be redacted within reason.

University Response

The University did not conduct any 'animal research' (as defined by the Animal (Scientific Procedures) Act 1986 ("ASPA") and EU Directive 2010/63/EU ("The EU Directive") during the calendar year 2017.

The University Ethics Committee would be the relevant body to discuss this issue at Middlesex University but as no animal research was conducted it was not raised as a point of discussion when the committee met during 2017.

I trust this satisfies your request sufficiently. Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, you have the right to complain about the University's response to your request for information. If you have such a complaint, you may contact Mrs Teresa Kelly, Clerk to the Board of Governors, Middlesex University, Hendon campus, London NW4 4BT, tel: 020 8411 6018, t.kelly@mdx.ac.uk within 40 days of the date of this letter for a review of the University's decision. If you remain unsatisfied with the outcome of that complaint, you may seek further recourse by lodging an appeal with the Information Commissioner.

Yours sincerely

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