

Terms of Reference:

The Animal (Scientific Procedures) Act 1986 (and subsequent amendments) gives clear guidance as to the operation of the Animal Welfare Ethical Review Body. Specifically, the AWERB has a statutory duty:

- i. For the ethical review of all applications for research involving animals protected under the Animal (Scientific Procedures) Act 1986.
- ii. To discuss and develop ethical advice and guidance to the Establishment Licence Holder on all matters related to animal welfare, care and use within Queen's. This shall include, but is not limited to, the standards of animal care and accommodation, including breeding stock, and the humane killing of animals.
- iii. Examine proposed applications for new project licences and review any amendments to existing project licences to determine local impact, how the 3Rs (Replacement, Refinement and Reduction) are being applied, and to advise the Establishment Licence Holder on the acceptability of the applications/amendments.
- iv. Throughout a project's lifetime the AWERB shall review ongoing projects ensuring continued operation against the approved project licence. Projects shall be reviewed at mid-term and on completion to enable lessons to be learnt and provide greater understanding of the 3Rs.
- v. To promote awareness of animal welfare.
- vi. To promote the development and uptake of the 3Rs and advise staff how to apply them.
- vii. To set up and regularly review procedures and protocols, including management systems, for monitoring, reporting and following up on the acquisition, welfare and proper use of animals at your establishment.
- viii. To support named people, and other staff dealing with animals, on animal welfare and ethical issues.
- ix. To advise on re-homing animals including appropriate socialisation.
- x. To respond to enquiries and consider advice received from the national Animals in Science Committee.
- xi. To provide an annual report to the University Research Ethics Committee giving assurances to the University on compliance with the requirements of ASPA.

Membership:

Composition		Current Members
Chair:	Nominated by the Establishment Licence Holder	Dr Susan Clarke
Deputy Chair:	Nominated by the Establishment Licence Holder	To be nominated
Ex Officio:	Academic Staff who are active project licence holders (at least one per relevant School/research Centre)	Dr Yvonne Dombrowski (WWIEM) ¹ Dr Mei Chen (WWIEM) ² Currently Vacant (CCRCB) Dr Mei Zhou (Pharmacy) ⁴ Dr Louise Atkinson (Biological Sciences) ⁵
	BSU Academic Lead	Dr Rebecca Ingram
	Named Training and Competency Officer	Dr Emma Kerr Dr Dessi Malinova (Acting)
	At least one lay member	Lorraine Hanna ⁶
	Two Named Animal Care and Welfare Officers, one of whom should be the Senior Technician for BSU	Mrs Lynda Collins Mr Stephen Lloyd
	Named Veterinary Surgeons	Names Withheld
	Two Student Representatives who are personal licence holders	Kathryn Brown ⁷ Essyrose Mathew ⁸
	Two Post-Docs, nominated by the post-doctoral society, who are personal licence holders	Dr Victoria Dunne ⁹ Dr Josy Augustine ¹⁰
	Up to three co-opted members with relevant experience and expertise, one of whom should be a statistician.	Dr James Thorburn
In attendance:	Home Office Representative – from DoH NI QUB Establishment Licence Holder	Dr Kathy Ryder Professor Alan Stitt

Serviced by:

Faculty of Medicine, Health and Life Sciences

Reports to:	Research Governance, Ethics and Integrity Committee	
Receives reports from:	Non-ASPA Animal Research Ethics Committee Biological Sciences	
Quorum:	One third of members comprising of academic staff and student representatives.	
Term of Office:	Academic staff – Four years with possible renewal for further term of Four years Post-Docs – Four years Student Representative – One year.	
Date membership commenced	<u>Academic Staff</u> ¹ December 2019 ² August 2020 (2 nd term) ⁴ August 2020 ⁵ April 2020 ⁶ April 2021	⁷ extended for 2020-21 ⁸ replacement to be sought for 2021-22 ⁹ August 2020 ¹⁰ August 2020