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27 August 2019

Dear [REDACTED]

Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Information request (ref: FOI_19-273)

Thank you for your request of 21 August 2019 for the following information:

'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 University of East Anglia (UEA) ("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 request is as follows:

1. By species: How many animals were used in the Forced Swim Test (or 'Porsolt Forced Swimming Test') by The Public Authority from January

2018 until June 2019?

i. By drug type: Number of these licensed procedures as either primary purpose or as part of the licensed procedure heroin(morphine and derivatives), MMA/ecstasy(methylenedioxy-methamphetamine),

cocaine(benzoylmethylecgonine), d-amphetamine (dextroamphetamine), amphetamine(alpha-methylphenethylamine), ketamine(ketamine

hydrochloride) and or their derivatives that were carried out by The Public Authority.

ii. What the primary purpose of each study was ie depression tests.'

On this occasion it is not possible to provide the requested information. In line with your rights under section 1(1)(a) of the Act to be informed whether information is held, we confirm that the University does not hold any of the information requested. The University have not conducted any forced swim tests during the time period requested, therefore none of the requested information is held.

We are sorry we cannot provide the data you requested, but trust this letter explains our position. If you are unhappy with our response, you have the right of appeal against this decision. If you wish to appeal, please set out in writing your reasons for appealing and send to the above address. You must appeal within 40 working days of the date of this letter. In line with section 5.3 of the UK Government's Freedom of

Information Act Code of Practice, we are not obliged to accept internal reviews after this date.

You also have a subsequent right of appeal to the Information Commissioner's Office. Further information is available on their website:

https://ico.org.uk/Global/contact_us, or by telephone on 0303 123 1113.

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Yours sincerely

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