

Genetic Modification and Biological Safety Committee (GMBSC)

1. Terms of Reference 2021-22

- I. This To assist the University of Southampton in effectively discharging its responsibilities with regard to regulation 8 of The Genetically Modified Organisms (Contained Use) Regulations 2014 and schedule 3 of the Control of Substances Hazardous to Health Regulations 2002 (as amended).
- II. To report to the University Executive Board via the Director of Health, Safety, Business Continuity and Risk.
- III. To receive for review and to provide advice on risk assessments for all contained use activities in relation to the Genetically Modified Organisms (Contained Use) Regulations 2014.
- IV. To receive for review and to provide advice on risk assessments for all hazard group 3 contained use activities in relation to the Control of Substances Hazardous to Health (as amended) Regulations 2002, Regulation 7(10) Schedule 3.
- V. To receive for review and to provide advice on risk assessments for all activities involving animal pathogens under Schedule 1 of the Specified Animal Pathogens Order 2008.
- VI. To receive for review and to provide advice on risk assessments for all activities involving agents under Part 7, Schedule 5 of the Anti-Terrorism, Crime and Security Act 2001.
- VII. To provide consent in relation to items (I to IV) above such that work may commence, subject to any further consent from enforcement agencies as may be required.
- VIII. To delegate consent for commencement of GM Activity Class 1 projects to the Biological Safety Adviser ahead of formal review by the GMBSC.
- IX. To delegate consent for commencement of Control of Substances Hazardous to Health Hazard group 2 projects to the Biological Safety Adviser.

2. Membership

Chair (appointed by Council) - Professor Bill Keevil

Deputy Chair - Dr Mark Pickett

University Biological Health and safety Manager - Mr Richard Lockey

A technically competent member (one each) from the various research streams of Medicine, Biological Science, Chemistry and Engineering.

1. Dr Christopher McCormick (Medicine)
2. Dr Paul Skipp (Biological Sciences)
3. Dr Seung Lee (Chemistry)
4. Engineering (Vacant)

Representatives of the academic staff (one from each school working with biological agents)

1. Dr Sandra Wilks (Biological Sciences)
2. Dr John Gittins (Ocean and Earth Sciences)
3. Dr Yury Bogdanov (Cancer Sciences)
4. Dr Igor Vorechovsky (Human Development and Health)
5. Clinical and Experimental Sciences (vacant)

A representative of the Health, Safety, Business Continuity and Risk Directorate

1. Mr Richard Lockey

Two postgraduate students (one each from the Highfield campus and Southampton General Hospital campus)

1. Christian Cox (Highfield)
2. Southampton General Hospital (vacant)

Representatives with specialist knowledge, to be invited to attend when required

1. Dr Chrissie Jones

Secretariat provided by Governance Services – Rosanna Newey

<i>Note To be quorate 8 Committee members must be present at each meeting.</i>
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