

## **National Committee for the Protection of Animals Used for Scientific Purposes**

### **Report of the Meeting on 09 October 2024**

1. Declarations of Interest/Conflicts of Interest  
There were no conflicts of interest declared.
2. Report of the Meeting of 15 May 2024  
The minutes of the meeting 15 May 2024 were adopted.
3. Matters Arising  
There were no matters arising.
4. NCPA Advice on Forced Swim Test  
The HPRA has requested advice from the NCPA in relation to the use of the Forced Swim Test in Ireland. The NCPA agreed to prepare the necessary advice and discussed the steps involved in the preparation of the advice.
5. Training event 2025  
The Committee discussed a training event for stakeholders in May 2025. The event aims to highlight the benefits of Replacement and provide a platform for discussion between researchers and those directly involved in animal research.  
A sub-committee formed to assist the NCPA with organising the event reported progress.
6. Publication of EC reports on statistics on use of animals and 5-year Article 54 implementation report  
The NCPA took note of recent reports on the above. The NCPA commended the HPRA for its part in the reduction in the use of animals for scientific purposes between the period 2018-2022.
7. European network of Animal Welfare Bodies  
The Committee was informed that as there is not a national AWB network in Ireland. Ireland is not in a position to benefit from the EU network of AWBs. The NCPA was informed of ongoing efforts being taken to form a national network. The NCPA will monitor developments.
8. Update from EU National Contact Point meeting  
The NCPA was updated on a meeting of EU National Contact Points held on 1-2 October 2024.
9. Dates of next meeting  
The date for the next meeting is 7 May 2025.
10. AOB  
There was nothing to report.

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