Governance Review Update 2:

Further to the Governance Review Update 1 in March regarding the General Board Review of the governance of the production, care and use of animals for experimental and other scientific purposes.

A Report proposing the establishment in the UAS of a Division of Health, Safety and Regulated Facilities has been signed by the General Board and the Council and has been published in the Reporter (http://www.admin.cam.ac.uk/reporter/2014-15/weekly/6383/section6.shtml). The Report will be discussed on the 12th May. All of our animal facilities will come under this single organisation, which would be responsible for operations, staffing and management together with the associated ethical and regulatory provisions. This is a direct response to the principal recommendation of the Review Panel (Recommendation 1).

The four Working Groups outlined in the last update have now met for the first time and are considering in detail how to implement the remaining 18 recommendations. A second round of meetings is planned and we will in future updates provide further information on the consequences of implementing the recommendations within the new structure, and the specific timescales that we are working towards. In the meantime the HR Division in consultation with the Trades Union have begun the necessary consultation with the staff directly affected by the change and we reiterate that no redundancies are planned or envisaged.

Finally, a meeting was held with the Chief Home Office Inspector and two local Inspectors on the 21st April to update the Home Office on our implementation of the Governance Review recommendations ensuring advice is taken at all levels and assuring the Home Office that due process is being applied expeditiously.