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## Your ASC AWERB Subgroup

Dear colleague,

Welcome to the fourth edition of 'The Hub' newsletter. In this edition we highlight the themes emerging from the ASC AWERB Road Shows (page 2). We would also like to take this opportunity to wish you all a Merry Christmas!



## ASC and AWERB Hub Chairs Workshop 2019

The next AWERB Hub Chairs Workshop is set to take place on the 13th March 2019. There are several agenda items currently under consideration. However, we want to hear from you: what would you like to see on the agenda, to be discussed by your Hub chairs?

Please contact the ASC Secretariat at [asc.secretariat@homeoffice.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:asc.secretariat@homeoffice.gsi.gov.uk) with your ideas and suggestions.

## How can YOU help the ASC to make a difference?

You may recall that in our last newsletter we asked for feedback on mechanisms AWERBs could use to better inform the ASC so that we can do more for you. Through the responses received from the Road Show, we have consolidated a list of communication methods:

- Via AWERB Hub Network/Hub Chair.
- Via ASC member link to AWERB Hubs.
- ASC Events.
- Email the ASC Secretariat directly.
- Standing agenda item in each AWERB meeting to discuss ideas to communicate with the ASC.
- The AWERB Knowledge Hub Group.

Please feel free to use any of the above mechanisms to pass on any feedback, ideas or suggestions to the ASC.

## Useful links

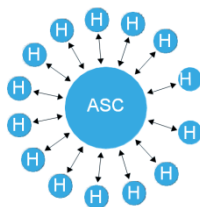
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[Animals in Science Committee Website](#)

[2018 Hub Workshop Report](#)

[RSPCA-LASA Guiding principles on good practice](#)

[Guide to writing Non-technical Summaries](#)



## ASC North and South AWERB Roadshows

This year the ASC held the first ASC AWERB Road Shows in the North and South. The Road Shows were a chance for AWERB members across the country to discuss topics of wider relevance and share ways of working. As well as an update on the work of the ASC, a variety of topics were discussed throughout the day, including:

- Non Technical Summaries
- The AWERB Knowledge Hub Group
- An AWERBs role in implementing refinement
- How do we 'do ethics'?
- Beyond the harm-benefit analysis
- AWERBs role in dealing with surplus animals

Presentations from the ASC AWERB Road Shows can be found on the AWERB Knowledge Hub Group.

Several themes emerged from the Road Shows, which we thought it would be helpful to share:

- Greater clarity on the role of the Regional Hub Network and how Hubs should interact with AWERBs.
- How should an AWERB operate and discharge its functions?
- A need for worked examples of NTS and PPLs.
- Empowering lay members to have a voice.
- Who is responsible for championing and challenging ethics?

We also asked attendees how they might improve the timeliness of project licence applications. Responses included:

- Discuss upcoming licences in good time and follow up with amendments before submission.
- Ask for clarifications ahead of the meeting.
- Ask for PPL draft at the 4 year review.
- Include adherence to deadlines and respect for AWERB processes as a measure of 'Culture of Care'.

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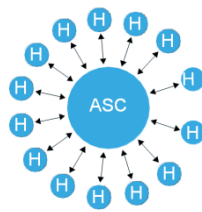
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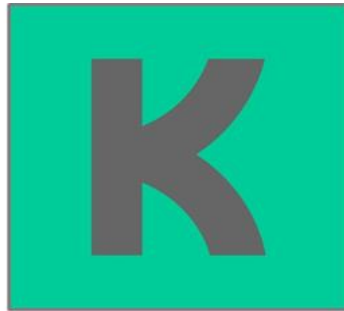
## The AWERB Knowledge Hub Group

The AWERB Knowledge Hub Group was created to facilitate the communication between AWERBs across the UK. Its purpose is to enable members to exchange knowledge and experiences in order to share and improve good practice in a secure, private environment available only to AWERBs.

On the 8<sup>th</sup> November, the AWERB Knowledge Hub Group was officially launched nationwide. We currently have over 80 members on the group!

The ambition is that the group will grow into the go-to-place to exchange fresh ideas and to source AWERB resources and ASC publications.

Members will be able to develop their own network of contacts unrestricted by geography.



Knowledgehub

The ASC invites you to sign up today and encourages all AWERBs to pass on the invitation to join the Group to all its members.

Joining the AWERB Knowledge Hub Group is a simple process. You can start by:

- Creating an account with Knowledge Hub ([www.khub.net/](http://www.khub.net/)).

Then

- Contact the ASC Secretariat ([asc.secretariat@homeoffice.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:asc.secretariat@homeoffice.gsi.gov.uk)) for further instructions.

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[Knowledge Hub Website](#)

[RSPCA-LASA Guidance on developing introduction material for AWERBs](#)

[RSPCA-LASA-LAVA-IAT Guidance on delivering effective ethical review](#)

[NC3Rs - New checklists for consideration of work using living animals conducted overseas](#)

