



# Administration of Radioactive Substances Advisory Committee

## ARSAC annual report April 2021 to March 2022

### Full committee meetings

- 80th meeting to 13 May 2021
- 81st meeting to 11 November 2021

### Membership

- Dr Teresa Szyszko was appointed as a member of ARSAC in June 2021
- Dr Allison Craig and Dr Maggie Cooper were appointed as members of ARSAC in August 2021
- Mrs Clare Moody has been re-appointed as an ARSAC member for a second term from April 2021
- Ms Kathryn Adamson, Ms Sarah Aldridge, Dr Kat Dixon and Dr Peter Julyan have been re-appointed as ARSAC members for a second term from August 2021
- Professor Iain Lyburn has been re-appointed for a third term from April 2021
- Dr Catherine Coyle and Dr Daniel Levine left the Committee after serving 2 terms
- Dr Stewart Redman left the Committee after serving one term

### Licence applications

Applications for licences under IR(ME)R are received by the UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA) on behalf of the relevant licencing authorities. Applications are assessed by the committee. From 1 April 2021 to 31 March 2022 a total of 180 new licence applications under IR(ME)R were received (36 employer and 144 practitioner). We also received 174 licence amendment applications (75 employer and 99 practitioner) and 128 notifications (98 employer and 30 practitioner).

### Research approvals

ARSAC provides approval for research trials involving the administration of radioactive substances as required under IR(ME)R. ARSAC received 372 applications from sponsors for research trials within this reporting period, which included (277 new research applications, 82 amendments to existing research trials and 13 notifications).

### Publications

The ARSAC notes for guidance publication was updated in January 2022 with the following changes:

- A. updates to replace Public Health England with UKHSA
- B. changes to reflect the online application process for employer licence applications
- C. additional guidance on medical physics expert support for employers
- D. additional guidance on practitioner support for employers
- E. clarification on the requirements and details required in a practitioner licence application
- F. update to the documentation required for the research approval process
- G. changes to routine procedures in tables 5.1, 5.3, 5.4 and 5.5



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## **Bulletin**

The email bulletin now has over 6,000 subscribers. From 1 April 2022 to 31 March 2022, 9 bulletins were sent to provide updates to our subscribers on changes to processes and guidance available.

You can receive further notification of updates to the notes for guidance, the website and the application process by [subscribing to the bulletin](#).