

ARSAC Annual Report April 2023 to March 2024

Full Committee meetings

84th Meeting: May 2023

85th Meeting: November 2023

Membership

During this period the Professor Iain Lyburn left the Committee after serving for 10 years and the following members were reappointed for a further membership term:

- Clare Beadsmore
- John Dickson
- George Petrides
- Nitasha Singh
- Jonathan Wadsley

Licence applications

Applications for licences under IR(ME)R are received by UK Health Security Agency on behalf of the relevant Licencing Authorities. Applications are assessed by the Committee. From 1 April 2023 to 31 March 2024 a total of 67 new licence applications under IR(ME)R were received (4 employer and 63 practitioner). We also received 304 licence amendment applications (118 employer and 186 practitioner) and 126 notifications (108 employer and 18 practitioner).

Research Approvals

ARSAC provides approval for research trials involving the administration of radioactive substances as required under IR(ME)R. ARSAC received 322 applications from sponsors for research trials within this reporting period, which included (236 new research applications, 73 amendments to existing research trials and 13 notifications).

Publications

The ARSAC Notes for Guidance publication was updated in March 2024 with the following key changes:

- updated guidance on the practice of authorising exposures under guidelines written by a practitioner
- clarification on the information required for therapeutic research trials
- minimum requirements for therapeutic prescriptions
- additional information on the administration of prescription only medicines as part of Nuclear Medicine procedures
- updated guidance on using Table 6.1 for paediatric dose scaling



- updated guidance on freezing breastmilk and decay storing post nuclear medicine administration
- removal of guidance values for thyroid blocking

Bulletin

The email bulletin now has over 11000 subscribers. From 1 April 2023 to 31 March 2024, 5 bulletins were sent to provide updates to our subscribers on changes to processes and guidance available.

Further notification of updates to the Notes for Guidance, the website and the application process can be received by subscribing to the bulletin: https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/UKHPA/subscriber/new?topic_id=UKHPA_4