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Mr John F. Robins  
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Dear Mr Robins,

Thank you for your email of 5 February addressed to Secretary of State, The Rt Hon Priti Patel MP, in which you request information relating to animal testing under the Animal (Scientific Procedures) Act 1986 (ASPA). Your request has been handled as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

You ask for the following:

*"I read in the Guardian (see link below) that a German laboratory soon hopes to be producing genetically modified pigs for use in animal to human xenotransplantation operations similar to that carried out in the USA last month. I debated on this issue back in the 1980s when various laboratories in the UK were global leaders on research on xenotransplantation.*

*Could you please tell me how many laboratories in the UK are currently licensed by the Home Office to carry out similar research and what local authority areas those laboratories are located in?"*

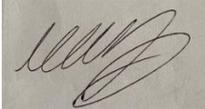
Data are not collected on similar research programmes. Therefore, the information requested is not held.

For your information, The Home Office publishes statistics of scientific procedures on living animals in Great Britain at the following link: [Animals in science statistics - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/animals-in-science-statistics)

If you are dissatisfied with this response you may request an independent internal review of our handling of your request by submitting a complaint within two months to [foirequests@homeoffice.gov.uk](mailto:foirequests@homeoffice.gov.uk), quoting reference **68464**. If you ask for an internal review, it would be helpful if you could say why you are dissatisfied with the response.

As part of any internal review the Department's handling of your information request would be reassessed by staff who were not involved in providing you with this response. If you were to remain dissatisfied after an internal review, you would have a right of complaint to the Information Commissioner as established by section 50 of the FOIA.

Yours sincerely,



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