

The UK Bioscience Sector Coalition

The [UK Bioscience Sector Coalition](#) (UKBSC) comprises an organisational membership that reflects the perspective of academia, industry, small and medium enterprises, animal welfare specialists, research charities and research funders involved in animal research.

UKBSC was **established in 2008** to present a unified input and 'a joined up voice' across the biomedical sector on the implementation of the UK law on the use of animals in research (ASPA) and on the implications for it of revision of the EU Directive EU 86/609 into the revised Directive 2010/63.

The overall **aim of the Coalition** is to represent the collective views of the bioscience sector with an interest in the use of animals in research, **recognising that good science and good animal welfare go hand-in-hand**.

The **Policy Group** of the Coalition fosters a two-way communication between relevant Governmental agencies, such as the Animals in Science Regulation Unit (ASRU) in the Home Office, and the animal science community, to achieve the generation and implementation of legislation that is fit for purpose.

The **Public Affairs Group** of the Coalition discusses and supports activities around constructive public engagement in animal science.

The Coalition is co-chaired by a senior member of the academic research and funding community, and a senior member of the industry community.

A secretariat is provided by the [Royal Society of Biology](#). External bodies with a direct involvement in the use of animals in research can address any general queries about UKBSC to UKBSCSecretariat@rsb.org.uk.

UKBSC members: *The Association of the British Pharmaceutical Industry (ABPI), The Academy of Medical Sciences (AMS), Biotechnology and Biological Sciences Research Council (BBSRC), UK Bioindustry Association (BIA), British Neuroscience Association (BNA), British Pharmacological Society (BPS), Institute of Animal Technology (IAT), Laboratory Animal Breeders Association (LABA), Laboratory Animal Science Association (LASA), Medical Research Council (MRC), The Physiological Society, Royal Society of Biology, Understanding Animal Research (UAR) and the Wellcome Trust.*

