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On behalf of UKACT council

Animal Centre Manager, Easton
College





Taking our direction from YOU!

- Feedback from last years conference was that you would like to know more about how other people run their centre's day to day.
- Best way to do this is to network and visit other collection. We have some ideas in the pipeline to help facilitate this.
- In the meantime

No of students	No of collections	No of species	No of collections	No of staff (Animal)	No of collections	No of staff (Academic)	No of collections
0-50	5	0-50	3	1-3	4	No answer	2
		51-100	2	7-9	1	1-3	2
						7-9	1

Collections with 0-50 Students

No of students	No of collections	No of species	No of collections	No of staff (Animal)	No of collections	No of staff (Academic)	No pf collections
51-100	7	0-50	2	No response	1	1-3	4
		51-100	4	1-3	4	7-9	3
		201-250	1	4-6	1		
				7-9	1		

Collections with 51-100 Students

No of students	No of collections	No of species	No of collections	No of staff (Animal)	No of collections	No of staff (Academic)	No pf collections
101-200	13	0-50	4	1-3	12	1-3	5
		51-100	8	7-9	1	4-6	6
		101-150	1			7-9	1
						10-12	1

Collections with 101-200 Students

No of students	No of collections	No of species	No of collections	No of staff (Animal)	No of collections	No of staff (Academic)	No pf collections
201-300	4	0-50	1	1-3	1	No response	1
		51-100	1	4-6	2	4-6	2
		101-150	2	7-9	1	7-9	1


Collections with 201-300 Students

No of students	No of collections	No of species	No of collections	No of staff (Animal)	No of collections	No of staff (Academic)	No pf collections
301-400	6	51-100	3	1-3	1	7-9	1
		101-150	2	4-6	3	10-12	3
		151-200	1	10+	2	15+	2

Collections with 301-400 Students

No of students	No of collections	No of species	No of collections	No of staff (Animal)	No of collections	No of staff (Academic)	No pf collection s
401-500	2	101-150	2	4-6	1	7-9	1
				7-9	1	10-12	1

Collections with 401-500 Students



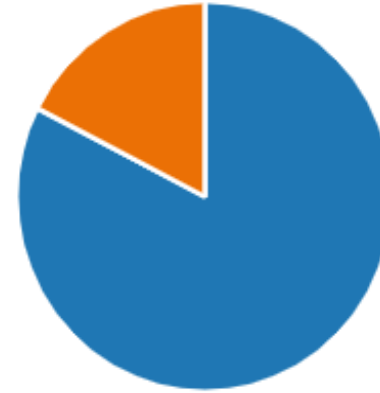
No of students	No of collections	No of species	No of collections	No of staff (Animal)	No of collections	No of staff (Academic)	No pf collection s
501-600	3	101-150	1	4-6	1	7-9	1
		151-200	1	10+	2	15+	2
		250+	1				

Collections with 501-600 Students

5. Do you employ any part time members of staff for animal care?

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Part Time Staff

Why are so many of us employing part time staff?

Is this because Senior Management forget that animals aren't Monday to Friday, term time only?

If yes, what can we do to drive the change needed so our centres are staffed appropriately all year round?

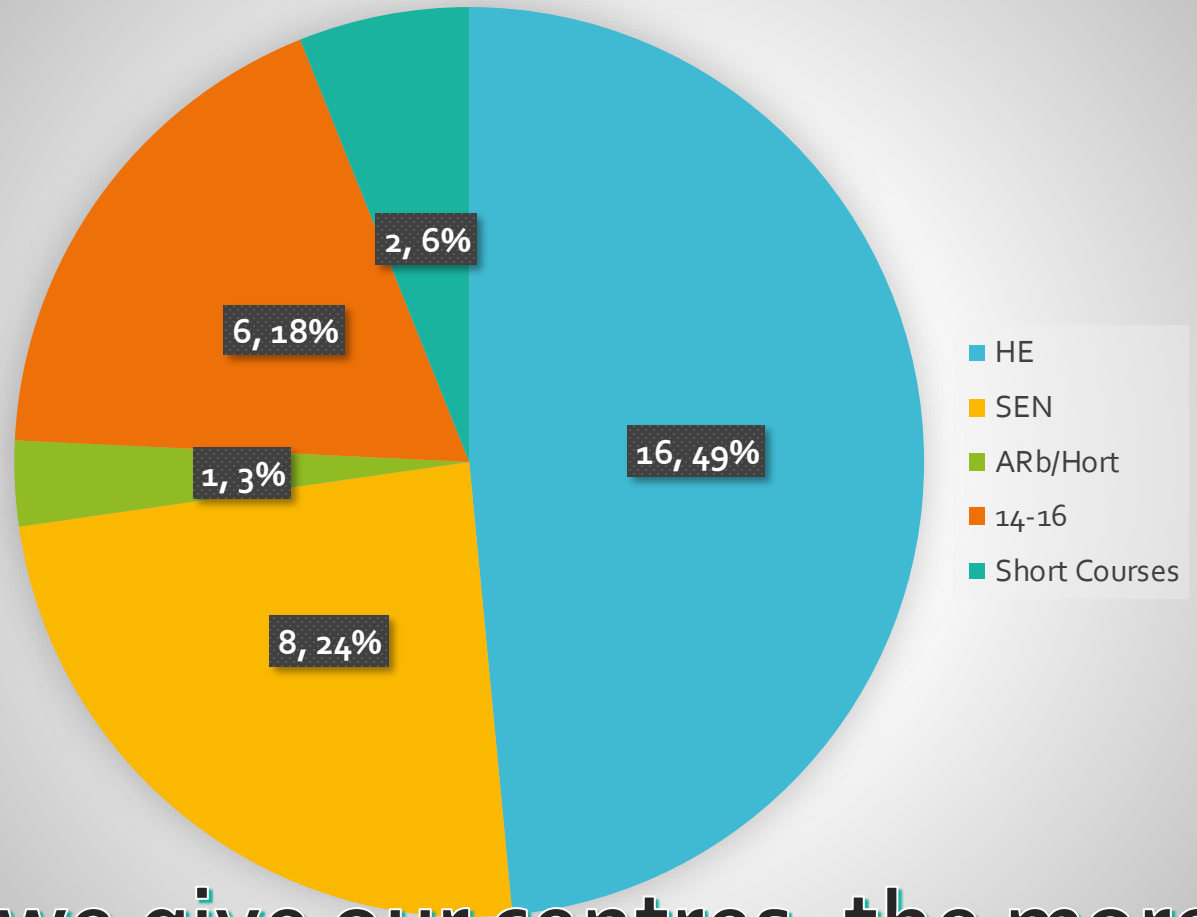
Are a lot of these weekend staff?

If yes is this conducive to welfare and continuity? How many Zoo run like this?

Fight for the change if it's needed!!

Are we missing a trick?!


Catering for students outside of FE

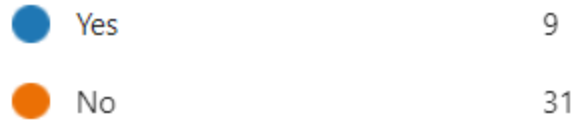


The more "worth" we give our centres, the more investment Senior Management will be willing to invest.

8. Do you have any volunteers that assist in the centre?


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9. Do your animal management students have to attend weekend duty days?

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Animal Centre Manager

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collections

Training and Developing Team
Legal Compliance/Licencing
Collection Plan and Stocking
Project development/management
Vet liaison
H&S
Records
Policies/Documents
Budgets
Ordering/PO's

15. Does the centre manager have regular timetabled sessions or are responsible for marking any practical assessments?

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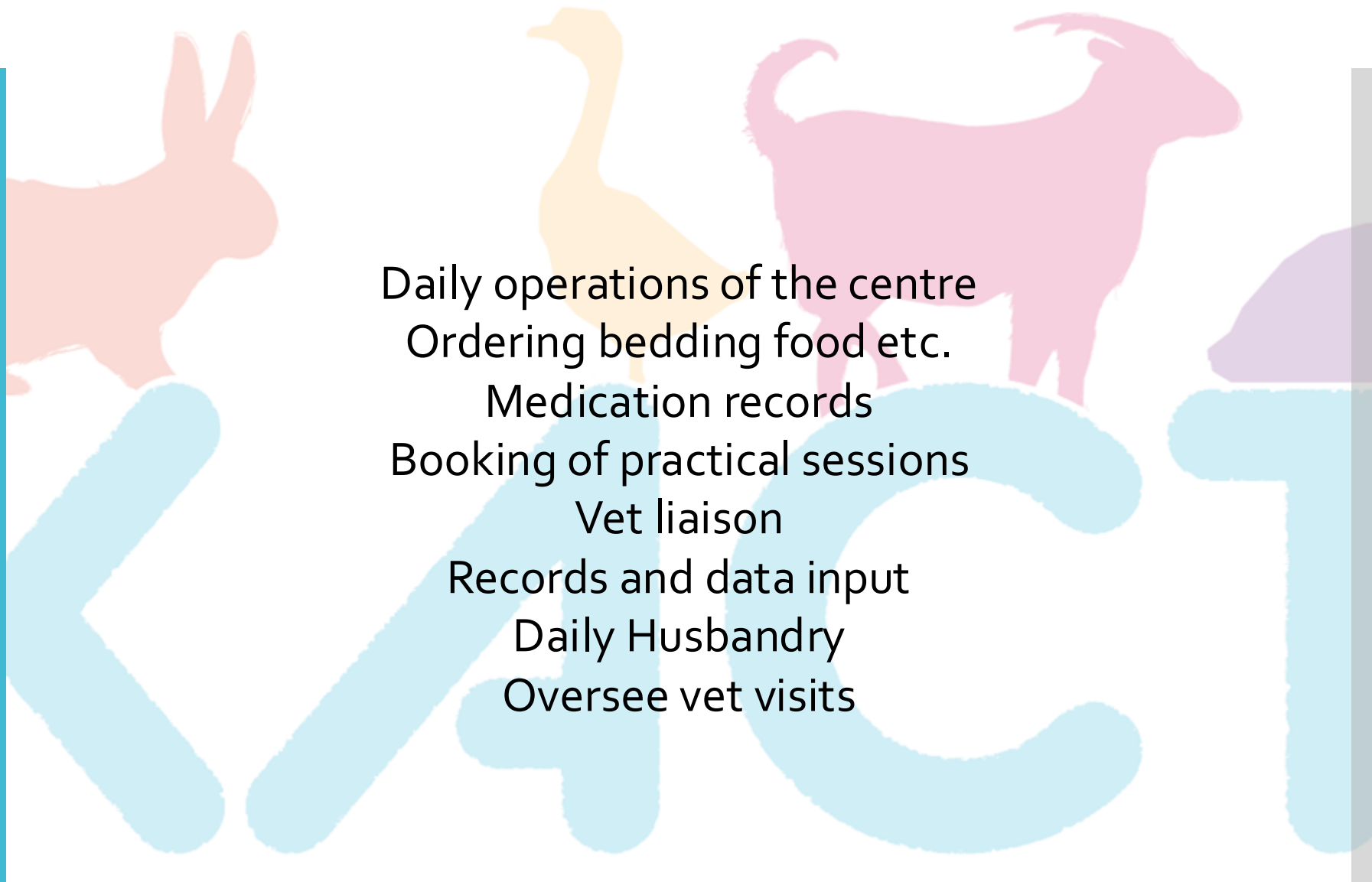
● Yes	19
● No	17



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Assistant Animal Centre Manager


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collections



Daily operations of the centre
Ordering bedding food etc.
Medication records
Booking of practical sessions
Vet liaison
Records and data input
Daily Husbandry
Oversee vet visits

20. Does your centre have any employees with the job title technician?

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Yes

No

23. Does your centre have any employees with the job title Instructor?

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Yes

No

22. Are your technicians responsible for marking any practical assessments?

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Yes

No

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25. Are your instructors responsible for marking any practical assessments?

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Yes

No

19

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Technician or
Instructor

Technician or
Instructor

Technician

Animal Husbandry
Assisting academic
staff with practical's
Record Keeping
Enrichment
Enclosure and site
maintenance

Instructor

Animal Husbandry
Delivery of practical
sessions
Mark Practical
assessments

Booking

Shared Live Excel Spreadsheet

Email to manager/staff

Online Diary

By timetable

Daily Physical Diary

Shared calendar Teams/Outlook

Verbal Discussion

ANIMAL CENTRE BOARD

Classroom	M6004	M6005	M6006	M6007	M6009	Guinea Pigs	Aviaries	Rabbits	Podlocks and Old AMC	Kennels	Other
Session 1 9:00 - 10:30											
Session 2 10:45 - 12:15											
Lunch											
Session 3 1:15 - 2:45											
Session 4 3:00 - 4:30											

Join STEP INTO COLLEGE students in making EASTON COLLEGE a


HEDGEHOG-FRIENDLY CAMPUS in 2024

DID YOU KNOW?
The hedgehog numbers have declined up to a half in the last two decades.

Help us protect UK's favourite wild mammals whilst spending time with other conservation enthusiasts and enhancing your professional CV!

Stay tuned for more details in January 2024!

#EChedgehogs



GO NOW INDOOR CHALLENGE



JOIN ABWAK

Associate Membership
Animal Students | Zoo Interns | Volunteers

What are the benefits of joining?

- Access to online resources
- Access to Industry Training / Workshops
- Zoo Networking Opportunities
- Enhance your CV
- Opportunity to apply for grants
- Quarterly posted subscription - Zoo RATEL Journal

Membership Cost: £30 per year



On-site Managers Today -

First Aiders Today -

FWC - feed, water, clean

HC - health checking

HG - handling + grooming

W - weighing

FIRE MARSHALS Today -

Lockers

Please take your PPE home with you at the end of the day. Lock keys will be removed.

Please put your name into all of your PPE. This helps us find it if it gets lost.

Please have a padlock for your locker. We cannot be held responsible for any items that go missing from an unsecured locker.

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Public
visits/animal
encounters

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collections

This is encounters that are outside of normal teaching and open days.

Licensing plays a big part if this is viable

Without a zoo licence cannot be open to members of the public more than 6 days a year

Animal Activities Licence – check with your local council!

Great way to produce extra revenue and engage with local community but be careful you are compliant!

Not enough staff/ hard to cover when anybody off

Good technicians turning to the dark side (lecturing!)

Continuity between lecturing and centre staff

Lecturing staff not having practical skills/industry experience

Balancing commercial versus curriculum

Students not attending weekend duties

Common Gripes!!



Calendar for booking

Animal care software

All lecturers able to do all practical work

Techs spend one month on each section and then rotate.
Responsible for all during that month

Technicians only support sessions – no teaching/marking/assessing

What works well!!



UK Animal Care Technicians

Thank you!!