



GENERAL RISK ASSESSMENT FOR SIRONA THERAPEUTIC HORSEMANSHIP

(Individual risk assessments for each activity also in place)

| HAZARD | WHO MIGHT BE AT RISK | CONTROLS IN PLACE | FURTHER ACTION REQUIRED |
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| Handling horses and other animals – unpredictable behaviour: kicks, bites, crushing | Staff, participants, volunteers, work experience students | Receive initial induction on each horse and handling and PPE Horses assessed daily for behaviour and suitability for each person handling Signs on yard to remind of PPE and individual horse risk assessments | Ongoing training as required |
| Riding | Staff, participants, volunteers, work experience students | Helmets to current BHS/EU regulation only used and regularly checked Body protectors provided if required. To be used by participants if hacking or jumping and staff/volunteers on individual basis – i.e with new/young horses Appropriate footwear to be worn Rider assessment form completed Horses matched appropriately to rider Hacking: to take 1 st aid kit and inform of route taken | Ongoing training as required To build indoor arena when funds available |
| Zoonoses: horses and other animals – infections e.g ringworm | Staff, participants, volunteers, work experience students, visitors, other animals | Only trained staff to handle infected horses/animals/equipment Any infected horse to be kept in isolation paddock following isolation procedure Appropriate clothing and gloves provided | Designated isolation box to be created when funds available |
| Lifting and Carrying: bales, buckets, feed etc | Staff, participants, volunteers, work experience students | Full induction on manual handling given Continual assessment on individual basis Sharing of heavy weights Separate risk assessment on manual handling in place | Ongoing training as required |

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| Slips and trips Adverse weather conditions, muck heap ramp, trailer ramp, equipment lying around | Staff, participants, volunteers, work experience students General public | Salt to be put down in icy conditions Wire on steps to tiny home shepherds hut Bales in barn to be kept at low level height Tools to be stored away tidily in tool area when not in use | Designated tool barn to be built when funds available |
| Handling veterinary goods and other substances: medical items, wormers, creosote etc | Staff, participants, volunteers, work experience students | Only staff and trained volunteers to handle veterinary medicines Only trained staff to inject on vet's instructions PPE such as gloves, overalls supplied Hazardous substances kept in locked cupboard only accessible by staff/trained volunteers | Ongoing training as required |
| Electrical shock: horse clippers, electric fencing | Staff, participants, volunteers, work experience students | Trip switch used with clippers Only trained staff to clip independently Volunteers/participants only to clip under supervision for training PPE to be worn – and rubber soled boots Electric fence only to be used by staff/trained volunteers Electric fences have warning signs | Ongoing training as required |
| Mouldy hay and straw | Staff, participants, volunteers, work experience students | Face mask to be used when handling To dispose of safely | |
| Vermin – mice and rats | Staff, participants, volunteers, work experience students General public, other animals | Pest control company used and traps checked regularly Feed stuffs stored in secure bins Feed room kept clean and tidy Warning signs if poison used (only to be used if absolutely necessary) | |

Risks to be reviewed at least annually (or at any change) and additional controls added as required. Additional risks identified to be added as necessary.

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