

BHA GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

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To: Managing Executives, Point-to-Point Organising Committees
From: Chief Executive
Subject: PROVISION OF RACECOURSE MEDICAL SERVICES
– GENERAL AIMS

General Aims

1. Medical Staff present on licensed racecourses and point-to-point courses are there to deliver appropriate clinical care to any individual presenting with an acute medical problem as guided by the GMC 'Duties of a Doctor'. All Medical Staff must at all times act in accordance with the following guidance:

“Patients must be able to trust Doctors with their lives and health. To justify that trust, you must show respect for human life and make sure your practice meets the standards expected of you in four domains:

Knowledge, Skills and Performance

- Make the care of your patient your first concern
- Provide a good standard of practice and care
- Keep your professional knowledge and skills up to date
- Recognise and work within the limits of your competence

Safety and Quality

- Take prompt action if you think that patient safety, dignity or comfort is being compromised
- Protect and promote the health of patients and the public

Communication, Partnership and Teamwork

- Treat patients as individuals and respect their dignity
- Treat patients politely and considerately
- Respect patients' right to confidentiality
- Work in partnership with patients
- Listen to, and respond to, their concerns and preferences

- Give patients the information they want or need in a way they can understand
- Respect patients' right to reach decisions with you about their treatment and care
- Support patients in caring for themselves to improve and maintain their health
- Work with colleagues in the ways that best serve patients' interests.

Maintaining Trust

- Be honest and open and act with integrity
- Never discriminate unfairly against patients or colleagues
- Never abuse your patients' trust in you or the public's trust in the profession

You are personally accountable for your professional practice and must always be prepared to justify your decisions and actions.” **GMC ‘Duties of a Doctor’**

2. In addition, with respect to Riders, Medical Staff are expected to:

- Refrain from routine care of chronic medical problems but may treat acute exacerbations of a chronic condition
- Work as agents of the Chief Medical Adviser(CMA) to ensure compliance with the BHA General Instructions (BHAGI) as well as any other statutory obligations.

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Definitions and Abbreviations

Circulation
Stewards
Assistant Stewards
Clerks of the Scales
Inspectors of Courses
Racecourse Association
Integrity Service Providers
Annex A

Definitions and Abbreviations

ARA	Annual Risk Assessment
BHA	British Horseracing Authority
BHAAC	British Horseracing Authority Assessment of Concussion
BHAGI	British Horseracing Authority General Instructions
BHA Register	Register of all approved Medical Staff
CMA	British Horseracing Authority Chief Medical Adviser
CQC	Care Quality Commission
EMR	Electronic Medical Records
Fallen Riders	Riders who fall, including those who remount and may appear uninjured.
First Aiders	First aid trained attendants retained by the Managing Executive
GMC	General Medical Council
HCPC	Health and Care Professions Council
JMR	Jockeys Medical Room (Licensed Racecourses only)
JTR	Jockeys Treatment Room (Physio Room) (Licensed Racecourses only)
Medical Staff	Doctors, Nurses, Ambulance Personnel, Physiotherapists and First Aiders
MRB	Medical Record Book
MRB3	Paper form of Medical Record Book for use when EMR not functioning or when Rider not on EMR
Overseas Jockeys	Riders licensed by other recognised Turf Authorities who wish to ride in Great Britain on a temporary basis.
Paramedic Ambulance	Ambulance equipped to at least the same level as a frontline NHS vehicle, compliant with BHAGI 11 and in particular Annex B, and capable of transporting and allowing treatment of a casualty under emergency driving conditions on the public highway
Point-to-Point Organising Committees	Includes all Corporate Entity or Committee as detailed in Regulation 61 of the Point-to-Point Regulations for Steeple Chases

PPA	Point-to-Point Authority
PPE	Personal Protective Equipment – clothing and equipment used to ensure personal safety in the workplace e.g. gloves and weather/activity appropriate footwear/clothing
PPMA	Point-to-Point Medical Adviser
PRIS	Professional Jockeys Insurance Scheme
RED/AMBER Entry	Entry in MRB or on EMR indicating an injury/illness that prevents Riders from riding until cleared. A RED Entry is any jockey who is sent or goes to hospital and all concussions. An AMBER Entry is a less significant illnesses or injury. If there is uncertainty code as RED Entry and discuss with CMA.
RMA	Riders Medical Area (Point-to-Point Courses only)
RMO	Racecourse Medical Officer
RO	The Responsible Officer of a doctor, appointed by GMC
RP	Responsible Person
RRV	Rapid Response Vehicle – ambulance vehicle equipped to the same level as a paramedic ambulance but does not transport stretcher patients. Can be single crewed by at least one paramedic. May be used as (S)RMO transport.
SO	Standing Orders of a racecourse which set out the particulars of its medical facilities and resources.
SRMO	Senior Racecourse Medical Officer
VEMCOM	Veterinary and Medical Communication – radio network