

---

### Overview

This standard is for those who are responsible for policy making decisions and the management of horses.

It involves developing and implementing a horse care and stable management policy for working or breeding horses in order to optimise their health and condition. It also involves managing the horses under stress, including being able to recognise when a horse needs specialist help, communicating with the specialist, evaluating the effectiveness of the specialist input and the progress of the horse.

- Care
- Nutrition
- Sickness and stress.

# LANEQ401

## Develop and implement a horse care policy

---

### Performance criteria

*You must be able to:*

- P1 Formulate a policy based on an evaluation of horse welfare, the business plan and staff resources
- P2 Ensure that the aims and objectives of the policy conform to legislative requirements and best current practice
- P3 Communicate and make the policy available to the relevant personnel
- P4 Evaluate the policy against stated aims and objectives at agreed intervals
- P5 Act on the decisions resulting from evaluation promptly
- P6 Supervise the effective implementation of the policy
- P7 Organise suitable accommodation, environment and daily care for the horse
- P8 Monitor the health and well-being of the horse and evaluate against horse care policy
- P9 Identify the need for specialist input and take appropriate action
- P10 Ensure that the actions prescribed by the specialist are carried out by relevant personnel
- P11 Obtain feedback on the horse's response to specialist input from relevant personnel
- P12 Instigate appropriate action in response to any health and welfare issues
- P13 Communicate effectively at all times with staff.

# LANEQ401

## Develop and implement a horse care policy

---

### Knowledge and understanding

*You need to know and understand:*

- K1 How to evaluate horse welfare against the business plan and staff resources to formulate a policy
- K2 How to monitor and evaluate policy against aims and objectives
- K3 Internal parasites, design of worming programmes
- K4 The requirements for foot and shoeing, remedial shoeing
- K5 Vaccination programmes and their inclusion in the policy
- K6 Types of stabling, housing and bedding and their effect on horse health and well-being
- K7 The physiology and psychology of horses
- K8 Effective stable management routines
- K9 Welfare, legislation, insurance and passport regulations
- K10 Management of staff and personnel
- K11 Care of older horses, retired horses and horses at the end of their working life
- K12 How to assess the condition, health and well-being of the horse
- K13 Factors which determine when specialist input is needed
- K14 The relationship between different specialists and professional groups, the role of alternative therapies, the physiotherapist and the nutritionist
- K15 The definition of stress and the recognition and understanding of factors contributing to stress in horses
- K16 Methods of treatment for different categories of ailment, including metabolic, trauma, disease and lameness
- K17 Implications of not administering treatment correctly and the importance of monitoring response to treatment.

# LANEQ401

## Develop and implement a horse care policy

---

<b>Developed by</b>	Lantra
---------------------	--------

---

<b>Version number</b>	1
-----------------------	---

---

<b>Date approved</b>	January 2011
----------------------	--------------

---

<b>Indicative review date</b>	October 2015
-------------------------------	--------------

---

<b>Validity</b>	Current
-----------------	---------

---

<b>Status</b>	Original
---------------	----------

---

<b>Originating organisation</b>	Lantra
---------------------------------	--------

---

<b>Original URN</b>	401.2
---------------------	-------

---

<b>Relevant occupations</b>	All equine occupations
-----------------------------	------------------------

---

<b>Suite</b>	Equine 2011
--------------	-------------

---

<b>Key words</b>	Equine; horses; care; policy
------------------	------------------------------