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MEMBER SERVICES

[2024 NTF Badges](#)

Thank you to all who have completed the application form for RCA Photo ID Accreditation.

Further information will be sent to trainers who have completed the application.

Please complete the application form here [Please complete the form link here https://paulntf.wufoo.com/forms/mextg0z1g4run4/](https://paulntf.wufoo.com/forms/mextg0z1g4run4/) and supply your Photo if you have yet to do so.

INDUSTRY NEWS

On behalf of the BHA - Ethnicity Research- Survey, Interviews and Focus Groups
Regarding research into the experiences of ethnically diverse communities, working in racing.

Over 300 people are engaging with the survey, so far. This will remain open until the 31st May 2024, so please take a few minutes to complete and encourage colleagues, members and stakeholders to complete here: [Introduction to the survey : Exploring experiences of working in horseracing \(smartsurvey.co.uk\)](https://smartsurvey.co.uk)

In addition, we are encouraging people to have more detailed conversations with the research team via one to one interviews or participating in focus groups. These will begin from May onwards and can be flexible in terms of availability. If anyone would like to contribute, please email horseracingreview@plan4sport.co.uk.

If you would like someone to come and talk to colleagues or members about the research, or you have any questions, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Thank you for your support.

Lyndon Roberts

Head of Diversity and Inclusion

British Horseracing Authority

On behalf of Racing Home - Free post maternity physio rehab sessions available for women working in the racing industry.

This includes female trainers, wives, partners and all racing staff. Please share the attached poster with your team.

The Racing Home project provides up to six free physio sessions across all racing yards in the UK. Each programme provides a tailored fitness plan for rehab, strength and conditioning to maintain fitness before returning to work. The sessions are delivered by fully qualified IJF physios at one of the three [Injured Jockeys Fund centres](#) or elsewhere to suit the location of individual candidates. Those eligible include mothers who've returned to any yard based role in recent years.

[Racing Home](#) is making racing a better place to raise a family both for the sake of its participants and for the overall sustainability of the industry.

A [short film](#) explains the objectives of the programme and solutions implemented so far.

For more information or to enquire about a place, please contact Dana Mellor dana@simplyracing.uk

[National Racehorse Week 2024 - will take place 7th – 15th September 2024](#)

National Racehorse Week showcases the magnificent care racehorses receive from stud through to retirement. By opening your doors, racing is able to create deeper relations between the sport and new audiences.

To take part in National Racehorse week through hosting an open day or getting involved in a community event, please sign up by following the link below:

<https://nationalracehorseweek.uk/yard-account/register/>

EMPLOYMENT

[Safety Vests](#)

Members may have seen the article in the Racing Post recently about a fine levied on a trainer for riders failing to wear safety vests and the BHA referring to guidance provided by the NTF as to what you should tell your employees and some suggestions for managing employees who don't wear them. We appreciate this is not easy particularly in the winter when riders are likely to be layered up in clothing and we hope the guidance [link here](#) may be of help. The duty upon the trainer extends to anyone on a horse under their control, so work riders and jockeys who come into ride. We have asked the PJA and NARS to remind their members of the need to wear safety vests.

[Health emergency information sharing](#)

If you have an employee who has concerns over a letter they have received from the Home Office regarding their Biometric Resident Permit, we hope the following will be of assistance.

The Home Office is writing to Biometric Residence permit holders whose permit expires on

31st December 2024 – the expiry of the BRP does not affect the immigration status but it will affect how the person proves their status from 2025.

The system is going digital and being replaced by eVisas. If the person is a BRP holder who is not a British or Irish citizen then they need to take action before 31st December 2024 and they will need to create a UKVI account if they don't already have one to set up their eVisa.

<https://www.gov.uk/get-access-evisa>

Once they have the eVisa that become the method by which they prove their immigration status to employers, landlords, etc.

The Home office has produced [a short video](#) about eVisas

BHA - Stable Pass Cards

There are a few instances recently reported where staff have arrived at Racecourse Stables with passes that are no longer valid or were issued for another Trainer.

Please note that if an employee leaves or a Stable Pass is no longer required, the trainer should ensure the pass is destroyed.

All passes are Trainer specific, so any person who attends the races on their behalf and needs access to Racecourse Stables must be registered on the SER and arrive with a valid stable pass for the Trainer they are representing.

OTHER BUSINESS

ROA VAT Scheme

Sponsorship agreement under the terms of the [Racehorse Owners VAT scheme](#), now provide two hassle-free options.

Charity sponsorship option

The ROA have teamed up with three key industry charities: The Injured Jockeys Fund, Retraining of Racehorses and Racing Welfare. If you are a client of the ROA VAT Return Service, they will make a donation to the charity of your choice in lieu of your sponsorship payment.

Fitzdares sponsorship option

The ROA have partnered with Fitzdares to offer another sponsorship scheme where the ownership receives a one-off payment of £100 (+VAT).

On behalf of the Great North Air Ambulance Service – Brew with Crew Week

Get together during our Brew with the Crew week for a cuppa with those you care about!

Host your perfect tea or coffee morning with your crew and help our crew continue our life-saving mission! Our official Brew With The Crew week is Monday 24 June – Sunday 30 June, but you can host one at any time that suits you. Link to sign up :

<https://tinyurl.com/58c9teas>

GNAA email: support@greatnorthairambulance.co.uk

HORSE BOX FOR SALE

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USEFUL LINKS :

HMRC – New VAT Scale charges from 1st May 2024 – 30th April 2025

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/vat-road-fuel-scale-charges-from-1-may-2024-to-30-april-2025>

Assistance at the start :

Training on racing2learn <https://racing2learn.com/course/index.php?categoryid=97>

Point to Point :

https://www.pointtopoint.co.uk/news_articles/pointing-route-to-training-under-rules

Trainer Support Network :

A network of knowledgeable and empathetic people for trainers to share the burdens of their busy and challenging working life. <https://www.racehorsetrainers.org/ntf/tsn.asp>