

BHA GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

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To: Managing Executives
From: Chief Executive
Subject: BHA CHIEF MEDICAL ADVISER
Reference: Rule 80

BHA Chief Medical Adviser (BHACMA)

1. The BMA Chief Medical Officer (BHACMA) is Dr Michael Turner, Mobile: 07788 567440. The BHACMA is appointed by the Authority to provide expertise and advice to the BHA Board on all medical matters affecting the safety and health of Riders. As such, the BHACMA recommends the standards required by Rules and General Instructions. The BHACMA reports to the Authority through the Director of Raceday Operations and Regulation.

Communication for Medical Arrangements

2. The diagram (Annex A) shows the communication link between racecourses and the Authority in relation to medical arrangements. Management policy and General Instructions from the Authority will be directed through the Director of Raceday Operations and Regulation to the Managing Executive, who in turn are required to pass the information to their Racecourse Medical Officers (RMOs). Where the BHACMA needs to communicate with a racecourse in relation to BHAGIs or local administrative matters he will write to the Managing Executive with a copy to RMOs.
3. Where the BHACMA needs to discuss clinical issues in relation to a particular Rider, he will deal directly with the RMO and will not involve the Managing Executive for reasons of patient confidentiality.

BHACMA Racecourse Visits

4. When the BHACMA visits a racecourse on an ad-hoc basis he does so for informal liaison with the Managing Executive and RMOs. Should the BHACMA or his appointed deputy or nominee wish to comment on standards of medical care being provided in relation to the Rules and General Instructions, he will deal directly with the Managing Executive. Under certain circumstances there may be a need to bring his concerns to the attention of the nominated representative of the Managing Executive or the Stewards on the day.

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Diagram of Communication Links in relation to Medical Arrangements

Annex A