

Equestrian Safeguarding Officer



The ABRS+ requires member Riding Schools, Livery Yards and Riding Establishments that are undertaking 'regulated activities' to appoint an Equestrian Safeguarding Officer (ESO) who will be responsible for good practice and the protection of children, young people and adults at risk. A regulated activity occurs where there is the coaching, teaching, training or instruction, care or supervision of children, young people or adults at risk.

The person appointed as the ESO is required to hold, and the ABRS+ must see copies of, their:

- Criminal Records Check (an enhanced DBS/PVG check with barred list)
- An up-to-date and recognised Equestrian Safeguarding Officer certificate of training

The responsibilities of the ESO are to be defined in the Riding School's, Livery Yard's or Establishment's Safeguarding Policy Statement.

Safeguarding & Protecting Children

The ESO course must be a course that has been attended in person; this may be through attending a course on site or through remote video link.

ESOs need not attend a course if they work with children as part of their profession (school teacher, nursery worker etc) but must provide documentary evidence that they have undertaken safeguarding training.

ESO training must have:

- Been taken within the previous three years
- Been of three hours in duration or more
- Considerable focus of child protection in sport (preferably equine) context