



Vacancy – National Head Veterinarian (NHV)



Horse Sport Ireland (HSI) is seeking to appoint a person to the position of National Head Veterinarian (NHV).

The position will be filled on a voluntary basis

In addition to satisfying the criteria listed in these Fédération Équestre Internationale (FEI) Veterinary Regulations, the function of National Head Veterinarian (NHV) is to maintain effective communication with the FEI Veterinary Department on veterinary-related matters within their country.

One NHV must be appointed by each NF.

Essential Criteria

Prior to the appointment the National Head Veterinarians must:

- Be listed as an FEI Official Veterinarian;
- Be recognised as an experienced and well respected equine veterinarian;
- Be familiar with all FEI equestrian disciplines, but may be exempt from the mentoring requirements for listed disciplines;
- Be able to communicate effectively with their NF and professional colleagues;
- Be available to undertake regular training as directed by the FEI.

In addition within their country NHV's must:

- Be aware of equine infectious diseases affecting international movement of competition Horses and provide the FEI Veterinary Department with information on equine communicable disease outbreaks of significance to competing sports Horses in their own country;
- Liaise with the national veterinary authority and its officials and be aware of regulations governing the temporary importation and re-entry of Horses; be fully aware of and distribute any special measures that may apply to the international movement of FEI registered Horses that are issued by national governments or by the OIE;
- Maintain communication with regional and international horse transporters;
- Distribute information and educational materials to FEI Veterinarians, including FEI Veterinarian Courses, FEI Updates and any special communications received from their national governments, the OIE or other official bodies;
- Promote the improvement of veterinary-related standards at FEI Events;
- Work with the National Federation (HSI) to ensure that the list of FEI Veterinarians is up to date and sufficient veterinarians are available to cover all FEI Events adequately;
- Provide mentors and suitable contacts to facilitate the promotion of veterinarians to FEI Veterinarians;
- Provide suggestions as required, for consultations undertaken by the FEI Veterinary Department, such as proposals for regulatory changes, prohibited substances and other veterinary matters; and
- Contribute as required, to national equine anti-doping and controlled medication control programs, including but not limited to increasing harmonisation between the FEI EADCMP and the country's national program.

Interested candidates should send a CV to tconnors@horsesportireland.ie by **5pm Friday 29th September 2017**. This vacancy is also listed on the HSI Vacancies page. For more information please contact Triona Connors on +353 45 854519



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