



Organisation: Dedham Therapy Farm CIC

Date of Assessment: 07/07/20

Assessing: Amy Boyce Lead OT, Megan Dack Business Manager

Groups at Risk: Staff, Volunteers, Farm Assistants, carers, students, forest school attendees

See below for dates reviewed

Location	Activity	What is the hazard	Level of risk	What measures are in place to lessen the risk?	Level of risk with measures in place.	Who may be affected?
Dedham Therapy Farm CIC	Handling substances that are hazardous to health.	 Ingestion Contact with the skin Breathing in substance Injection through a puncture in the skin. 	Likelihood:2 Consequences:2 Level:4	 All hazardous substances are kept in a locked cabinet/staff area. All PPE are supplied when handling substances. Staff oversee all handling of substances. 	Likelihood:1 Consequences:1 Level:2	Staff, volunteers, carers, students, Farm Assistants.





		Spillages Misuse of product		 All hazardous substances are recorded in the COSHH file Vet gives advice and training on administration of medication and storage. Staff member COSHH trained. Cleaning of restrooms and bathrooms done by cleaning company out of office hours, using their own products. 		
Dedham Therapy Farm CIC	Working with animals	 Animal bites Parasites/ Diseases Animal Faeces Kicked/ stepped on Handling food 	Likelihood:3 Consequences:3 Level:9	 Animals have ongoing health checks by staff and vet. Routine vaccines and health care done. 	Likelihood:1 Consequences:2 Level:2	All staff members, volunteers and students, Farm assistants.





Injury from animal equipment Injury from animal	Staff have training to be aware of illness and injury of animal	
	Staff First Aid trained.	
	• First aid trained member of staff on site	
	Hand washing done after contact with animals and animal care.	
	Staff member to assess animals' behaviour before activity.	
	Farm assistants and carer to be briefed on safety measures before handling animal.	
	PPE and hand washing available when preparing	





				food/medication/husbandry tasks. • All to be aware of health and safety policies.		
Dedham Therapy Farm CIC	Risk from moving animals	 Animal running away/ exiting premises Animal becoming spooked Bite/kick/injury to animals of person. Animal coming into contact with another animal 	Likelihood:3 Consequences:3 Level:9	 Staff members to be confident in moving the animal. Staff members to have adequate training to do the activity. safety brief first before moving animal if involving farm assistants or training less qualified staff/volunteers. Appropriate equipment to be used with the animal e.g. head collars, pig boards/hurdles 	Likelihood:1 Consequences:3 Level:3	All staff members, volunteers and students, Farm assistants.





				Animals behaviour assessed prior to moving.		
				All animal enclosures to be secure		
				•Route planning before moving animal		
				•No animal other than a dog to be taken off site.		
				•PPE available e.g. steel cap toes covers.		
Dedham Therapy Farm CIC	Manual handling	Personal injury when carrying out tasks.	Likelihood:3 Consequences:2	Staff to be adequately trained on manual handling bi annually.	Likelihood:1 Consequences:3	All staff members, volunteers and students, Farm
Tailli CiC		carrying out tasks.	Level:6	• Equipment available e.g. wheelbarrows.	Level:3	assistants.





	Regular breaks from repetitive tasks.	
	 Manual handling guidelines on poster around the farm. 	
	 Ongoing management of uneven ground/holes if found. 	
	Awareness of reducing weight load of items.	
	 Staff and volunteers have an awareness of the setting they are working on. 	
	•Staff, volunteers and Farm Assistants and their support network are advised to wear appropriate clothing and footwear.	





Dedham Therapy Farm CIC	Use of hand tools	 Injury to self or others Inappropriate use of tools Inexperienced tool handler Self harm Damage to property 	Likelihood:3 Consequences:5 Level:15	 Individuals assessed prior to using tools. Staff member confident in use of tool to lead/oversee use. Staff members to have training in tool use. Verbal and visual instruction given before use. Level of use graded to individual. Staff and volunteers to be aware of health and safety policies Use of PPE mandatory for use of tool. Individual risk assessment done for each farm Assistant 	Likelihood:2 Consequences:2 Level:4	All staff members, volunteers, students and farm assistants.
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				to ensure task is appropriate/safe. •Referral form/assessment completed to ascertain level of self-harm risk •Ongoing review of individuals level of risk. •The power/ weight of tool vary based on the individuals strength and size. • Verbal and visual instruction given before use.		
Dedham Therapy Farm CIC	Exposure to the elements and extremes of weather	Heat stroke Sunburn Cold weather injury	Likelihood:3 Consequences:5	Advise everyone to bring/wear appropriate clothing and footwear, sunscreen for the weather.	Likelihood:2 Consequences:2	All staff members, volunteers, students and farm assistants.





 Slipping/falling over due to ground conditions Lighting strike injury dehydration Falling trees in high winds 	Level:15	 We have a limited number of appropriate clothing available on premises for emergency in cold weather in hot weather, take regular breaks in shade. Ice refreshments available Fans available in office for temperatures above 29 degrees cancel dog sessions unless aircon available. converse with families regarding the forecast weather and make 	Level:4	
		adjustments where safe to do		
		offer adjusted hours to staff where appropriate.		





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		•Scrutinise each therapist's	
		caseload and adjust if	
		necessary.	
		 do activities in shade in hot 	
		weather.	
		in high wind conditions	
		avoid animal enclosures with	
		farm assistants where animals	
		are likely to be spooked.	
		In high winds avoid activity	
		near trees and buildings.	
		near trees and bandings.	
		Take shelter in a summer	
		house or office during a storm.	
		do not take shelter under or	
		near trees, animals, stables during storm.	
		during storm.	
		 Assess the suitability of 	
		running sessions during	
		storms either cancel	





				sessions or early collection if necessary. • Use of salt on paths and bridge • Use of woodchips on excessive mud • Clear pathways in the event of ice.		
Dedham Therapy Farm CIC	Campfire	 Burns Damage to property Trips/falls Danger to animals Fire 	Likelihood:3 Consequences:4 Level:12	 Instructions/safety set out prior to starting fire Fire Pit to be in clear stable place regular check by staff of fire equipment and safety equipment. Fire Marshall to be on site 	Likelihood:2 Consequences:1 Level:2	Staff, students, volunteers, farm assistants





		•Annual professional to check fire extinguishers.	
		•First Aider on site	
		•Mandatory PPE used during fire.	
		•Staff confident in starting and monitoring fire.	
		•Fire pit located clear of dry feed and grass and animals.	
		•Each farm assistant assessed to ensure fire is appropriate.	
		•flammable liquid and items to be stored away.	
		•Fire assembly point clearly labelled	





				Fire drills done and logged regularly Fire Marshall training for all		
Dedham Therapy Farm CIC	Fire	 Burns Death Damage to property Trips/falls Danger to animals 	Likelihood:3 Consequences:5 Level:15	 Fire Marshall training for all staff. Only trained staff to do bonfires/campfires Fire assembly point clearly marked on slope in mill lane car park. Fire drills every admin week and logged. Head Fire Marshall designated each morning in team meeting Annual maintenance of fire extinguishers by professional, 	Likelihood:2 Consequences:2 Level:4	Staff, students, volunteers, farm assistants





		staff to do regular checks of equipment.	
		• Pathways and fire exits kept clear.	
		• Vehicle access kept clear at all times. (front double gates, Side gates beside ford, back left gate by forest school, back right gate near pond)	
		• Staff aware of entrance and exits to each animal enclosure.	
		• Staff aware of entrance and exits to site.	
		 Keys for non fire exit gates to be kept in office by front door. 	





		 All team member to read fire procedures All staff to carry walkie talkie for emergency notification from other team members. Fire bell located on tree in centre of farm in the event of walkie talkie failure. Visitors to sign in and out leaving phone number and wearing visitor badge In the event of a fire, fire marshall to take visitor book and device to view timetable 	
		and device to view timetable on for headcount.	





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		 Main Office – all windows 	
		unlocked during office hours.	
		Front door latch off when	
		people are inside office.	
		washing machine, drier not to	
		be left on out of office hours,	
		extension cables not to be	
		overloaded or left on out of	
		office hours.	
		• Green Cabins – All windows	
		covers to be opened when in	
		use, Staff not to lock	
		themselves in to cabin with	
		Farm Assistants unless risk to	
		life outside in an attempt to	
		keep them safe.	
		- All buildings -	
		Electrical items PAT	
		tested annually,	
		electric items to be	





				switched off at night, use of farm charging cables only to be used.		
Dedham Therapy Farm CIC	Working at height	Falls Personal injury	Likelihood:2 Consequences:3 Level:6	 Only have small ladders on premises. A member of staff at the bottom of the ladder to hold it. Quality of ladder inspected before each use. No farm assistants to carry out work at height. Management to scrutinise if professional contractor needs 	Likelihood:1 Consequences:2 Level:2	Staff, volunteers, students and farm assistants





				to be called in to carry out work. • Ladder use restricted to Director only.		
Dedham Therapy Farm CIC	Use of sharp objects	Injury to self and others/animals Self-harm Damage to property Incorrect/ inappropriate use	Likelihood:3 Consequences:5 Level:15	 Use of referral form for farm assistants to ascertain risk of self-harm or requirement from adapted equipment. Locked cabinet/shed for storing sharp objects. Individual's abilities assessed before use and graded to their needs. Tasks graded to individual abilities. Team member to oversee use. 	Likelihood:1 Consequences:2 Level:2	All staff members, volunteers and students.





				•PPE to be used		
				adapted equipment available where necessary.		
				•use of needles for medication for animals to be carried out by trained staff member.		
				•sharp box disposal for animal medication needles		
				•appropriate disposal of sharp equipment.		
		Being runover	Likelihood:2	Road worthy vehicles only to	Likelihood:1	
Dedham Therapy	Maying yahiqlas	• Fire	Consequences:5	access the premises.	Consequences:2	All staff members,
Farm CIC	Moving vehicles	Crash/damage to property		•visitors to report to main		volunteers, students and farm assistants
		Unqualified driver	Level:10	office before entering farm	Level:2	





poorly maintained vehicl	
•unsecure loads	unlocked by member of staff.
•injury to animals	•management informed if vehicle due to come onsite
•drivers with limited awareness of service	• Farm vehicles serviced regularly.
	• Farm vehicles driven by
	qualified people.
	Insurance policies in place.
	Use of farm vehicles restricted depending on the
	individuals on the premises.
	E.g. individuals with auditory
	processing disorder, or limited
	awareness of risk.
	• Farm vehicle keys kept in
	secure location and not





				left unattended in vehicles. Only authorised vehicles allowed to access premises. Uneven ground restricts speed of vehicles. Ilmited activity in area of moving vehicle		
Dedham Therapy Farm CIC	Sessions	 injury to people/animals anti-social behaviour/damage to property absconding/missing farm assistants accusation of staff 	Likelihood:3 Consequences:4 Level:12	 Staff and volunteers to ensure managing behaviour policy is followed. health and safety policy to be followed farm assistants to be risk assessed, referral form and assessment to be completed prior to sessions. 	Likelihood:2 Consequences:1 Level:1	All staff members, volunteers, students, farm assistants





	onsumptions of	•ongoing risk assessments	
food	ostances/faeces/animal	completed.	
1000	od	•lock away equipment and	
•clir	imbing	substances.	
		•individuals requiring additional support attend with their support staff.	
		•farm assistants to be supervised by staff, volunteers	
		•all gates locked.	
		•all farm assistants supervised in the community by staff.	
		•notify support network, police when farm assistants is missing for more 10 minutes.	





				 all staff have walkie talkies, mobile phones on them at all times lone working risk assessment completed for each farm assistant where there is concern. sign up to say feed is for animal consumption 		
		Drowning	Likelihood:3	Access to pond is restricted.	Likelihood:1	All staff members,
Dedham Therapy Farm CIC	Pond	• Illness	Consequences:5	Warning signs around pond.	Consequences:5	volunteers and students, farm
		• Injury		 Pond not in use in sessions until further notice. 		assistants
		Ingestion of pond water	Level:15		Level:5	





				No Farm Assistants to be left unaccompanied up the top(at back) of farm.		
				Use of licensed pest control company		
		Other animal ingesting poison	L'hallha ad O	•Staff to be vigilant for dead pests	l il aliba a da	
Dedham Therapy	Pest control	Person ingesting poisonDisease from pest	Likelihood:3 Consequences:4	•Any dead animals found to be disposed of immediately	Likelihood:1 Consequences:1	All staff members, volunteers, farm
Farm CIC	rest control	Injury for pest	Locald2	Pest control company issue risk assessment	l and d	assistants and students
			Level:12	• poison to be in correct equipment	Level:1	
				• poison boxes to be tied down away from access by other animals		





		• Injury or illness from	Likelihood:3	 pest control boxes to be out of sight of general public and farm assistants. Survey completed by registered company qualified in inspected non domestic buildings for asbestos (Ashbee solutions ltd) – outcome NO ASBESTOS DETECTED Asbestos management plan 	Likelihood:1	All staff members,
Dedham Therapy Farm CIC	Asbestos	exposure to asbestos (ACMs)	Consequences:4 Level:4	in place in the event works carried out on buildings on asbestos suspected in the future. • Member of staff trained in management of asbestos risks.	Consequences:1 Level:1	volunteers, farm assistants and students, contractors.





Dedham Therapy Farm CIC	Farm access	Member of the public accessing farm forest school accessing	Likelihood:2 Consequences:2	•Keep all gates closed/locked • Front gate locked using key code – staff only to be given code. Ring door bell used to allow non staff to report to office their arrival. •Farm Assistants to be accompanied by staff during	Likelihood:1 Consequences:1	All staff members, volunteers and students
		farm	Level:4	 Visitors to report to main office and sign in using visitor book. Non DBS visitors to be accompanied by a member of staff. 	Level:1	and thrive





				•forest school to inform office of dates thrive is running or not running •Forest school staff to monitor their group and ensure all those that are attending have left the premises at end of their session. •no access to the farm by general public without prior permission from management.		
Dedham Therapy Farm CIC	behaviour management	•Farm Assistant shows a risk to themselves or others	Likelihood:3 Consequences:4	•Staff to follow missing child procedure, safeguarding policy or behaviour policy in the event of a unmanageable	Likelihood:2 Consequences:1	All staff members, volunteers and students





leav	arm Assistant attempts to every premises without poort.	Level:12	behaviour or risk of absconding	Level:2	
sup	pport.		•Farm Assistant risk assessed individually after assessment		
			•Referrer to share any procedures, risk assessment or behaviour management tools to support farm staff		
			•Referrer to send staff to support if required in other settings.		
			•zero tolerance of abusive behaviour towards DTF staff, volunteers and other farm assistants.		
			 Farm staff to follow Managing behaviour policy and therapeutic approach and 		





			PRICE de-escalation and restraint training. • use of tools ,equipment and large animals graded depending on individual risk assessment. • adjustments made to activities based on previous incidents and individuals have ongoing risk assessment.		
Community pay back service	antisocial behavioursmokinguse of equipment	Likelihood:4 Consequences:2 Level:8	 No smoking onsite supervisor to oversee group group to only run at weekends 	Likelihood:1 Consequences:2 Level:2	All staff members, volunteers and students





	•lack of understanding of service and vulnerable people		 CPS to bring own equipment and PPE CPS to risk assess their individuals and adhere to agreement of bringing low risk individuals. no contact with farm assistants as groups attend at weekends 		
Safeguarding	 harm not being identified or reported appropriately staff working alone with Farm assistants absconding/missing person peer on peer physical/emotional/verbal assault 	Likelihood:4 Consequences:3 Level:12	 safeguarding training given to all staff and volunteers farm assistants risk assessed individually farm assistants grouped together considering referral, assessment, triggers, needs 	Likelihood:3 Consequences:2 Level:6	All staff members, volunteers and students





•misuse of equipment	•referral process completed
	for each farm assistant.
•GDPR & sharing	
information and images	•staff and volunteers to follow
	GDPR policy
•general public in	
area/thrive attendees	•consent forms to be
	completed by farm assistants
	and support network
	•doors and gate always locked
	•access to the farm monitored
	of the control of the
	•farm assistants to be
	supervised
	•any information shared
	adheres to GDPR and
	safeguarding policies
	a CDDD and cofequerding
	•GDPR and safeguarding
	policies in place and accessible
	to all team members





			•verbal consent gained from farm assistants or carers prior to working alongside students or volunteers.		
Hammocks/swing	 injury from branches falling falls from hammock tripping over hammock swinging too high 	Likelihood:2 Consequences:2 Level:4	 hammock/swing to be checked before use to ensure no damage no use of hammock in high winds use of hammocks/swings under supervision from staff tying the hammock/swing up away when not in use. 	Likelihood:1 Consequences:1 Level:2	staff, volunteers, farm assistants
wasp,bees, insect bites and stings	•Stings and bites and could leave to an	Likelihood:2 Consequences:4	remain still.First aider on site,	Likelihood:1 Consequences:1	farm assistants, staff, volunteers





	anaphylactic shock	Level:4	 individual risk assessment for farm assistant/staff with allergies referral process to ascertain allergies of service users 	Level:1	
Electr	•shock from electri ric fencing •shock from batter		 Referral to understand Farm assistant ability to follow instruction Signs up to show fence is electric Support from staff if allowing farm assistant to hook up or unhook electric fence unhook electric when feeding or interacting with animal. 	Likelihood:1 Consequences:1 Level:1	farm assistants,staff, volunteers





	Work Experience student working	• risk of harm or injury to students on work experience due to lack of experience and knowledge and due to vulnerability of age.	Likelihood:3 Consequences:2 Level:6	 application and thorough recruitment process. To gain a full understanding of experience and abilities. Induction process to ensure adequate training new work experience students to work alongside more experienced member of staff to ensure support is available. More independence can be given after assigned staff member of animal care staff and management decide they are competent to work more independently. 	Likelihood:1 Consequences:2 Level:2	Work experience students, students on practice placement, new member of staff, volunteers
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	•risk of public approaching		All staff to be recruited following the safer recruitment policy.		
Walk with	 traffic causing spooking donkeys minstrels strength when excited other animals approaching 	Likelihood:3 Consequences:4	 only take Farm Assistants that are experienced working with donkeys no Farm assistants with mobility problems to do off site walking 	Likelihood:3 Consequences:3	Work experience students, students on
donkeys	 spooked by bikes, boats, paddleboards, paddle board pumps, umbrellas, pushchairs. extreme weather ice/heat/rain kicks, bites, strong pulls 	Level:12	 Farm Assistants to have had plenty of opportunity to walk and handling donkeys onsite before attempting off site walking All individuals including staff, volunteers to wear Hi vis vests and riding hats. 	Level:9	practice placement, new member of staff, volunteer





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•donkey becoming loose		llars and lead ropes	
	to be in g	good repair.	
	• only wa	alk along designated	
•donkey on road but closest		pond route, long field	
to path staff member to			
right of donkey when on		de lane route and	
road and behind farm		oute in morning	
assistant.	meeting		
433.334	•no walk	s in rain, excessive	
		rm, ice, high winds	
	neat, sto	ini, ice, ingli umas	
	•Any me	mbers of the public	
	may be a	sked not to approach	
	depende	nt on Farm assistants	
		I risk assessments.	
	•ask traff	fic to slow as they	
	approach	1	
		two lead ropes	
		or inexperienced	
	Farm Ass	istants. Staff member	
	to review	each walk.	
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		•avoid fields with other livestock in.	
		•initially minimum of 2 members of staff for walk when taking new or inexperienced farm assistants.	
		•regular staff training in walks offsite without farm assistants.	
		• only staff that feel confident in doing off site walks to lead this activity.	
		•feed straw while grooming before walk. no walks on empty stomach.	





	off site walk with alpaca	 risk of public approaching traffic causing spooking alpaca unsure of different terrains height of alpaca other animals approaching spooked by bikes, boats, paddleboards, paddle board pumps, umbrellas, pushchairs. extreme weather ice/heat/rain/wind kicks, bites, strong pulls animal becoming loose 	Likelihood:4 Consequences:4 Level:16	 only take Farm Assistants that are experienced working with the alpacas no Farm assistants with mobility problems to do off site walking All individuals including staff, volunteers to wear Hi vis vests. head collars and lead ropes to be in good repair. Only walk designated routes park route, long field route, pond route, side lane and farm route. specify offsite walks during team morning meeting 	Likelihood:4 Consequences:2 Level:8	Work experience students, students on practice placement, new member of staff, volunteer
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		•no walks in, excessive heat, storm, ice, high wind	
		•Any members of the public may be asked not to approached dependant on Farm assistants individual risk assessments.	
		•ask traffic to slow if they do approach	
		• use of two lead ropes initially for farm assistants with less experience or difficulties holding lead rope. Staff member to review each	
		staff member to ask dog owners to put approaching dogs on lead	





		•avoid fields with other livestock in.	
		• 1:2 competent handler:alpaca	
		1:1 less experienced handler:alpaca	
		• Staff to only take alpaca themselves when Farm Assistants have extensive experience handling the alpacas on site.	
		•regular staff training in walks offsite without farm assistants.	
		• only staff that feel confident in doing off site walks to lead this activity.	





				• no walks with alpacas that have empty stomach.		
Dedham Therapy Farm	Use of ride-on mower/ push along lawnmower/ topper/tractor	 Inappropriate use of rideon mower. Injury to self or others. Flying debris. Hot engine. Rotating machinery. Poorly maintained. Refuelling. Vibration injury 	Likelihood: 3 Consequences: 5 Level: 15	Staff to be adequately trained in accordance with the machinery operating manual. Mandatory use of PPE worn — ear defenders, gloves and goggles. Assess the surrounding area for bystanders, only use when no bystanders are in area you are mowing/topping Do not use any mowing or topping machine around loose animals Limit use to 1 hour per person per day maximum for petrol & ride on mowers	Likelihood: 2 Consequences: 3 Level: 6	Staff, volunteers, farm assistants, forest school, visitors.





		•No passengers allowed on the ride-on mower/tractor.	
		•Area to be checked for debris with any removed before use.	
		•Engine not to be touched after use.	
		•Mower to be turned off before removing or cleaning any obstructions.	
		•Mower to be serviced and cleaned regularly.	
		•Defective equipment to be reported immediately, mower out of action until repaired.	
		•Mower to be off, cool and outdoors when refuelling.	





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		 If petrol spilt move mower 	
		away before starting.	
		,	
		 Tractor driving restricted to 	
		trained staff members only	
		,	
		 tractor front bucket to be 	
		lowered to height of engine as	
		max when driving (do not	
		drive with it at full height)	
		drive with it at fair fleight)	
		Use of topper restricted to	
		trained staff only	
		trained stair only	
		No use of topper within 50	
		metres of forest school area	
		when forest school running.	
		when forest school running.	
		•No use of topper down front	
		of farm – ride on and petrol	
		push mowers in this area.	
		Farm Assistants may only	
		use push along petrol mowers	





Dedham Therapy Farm Forest school Forest school Forest school Forest school Fire on site on DTE area • Fire on site on DTE area	• Debbie to ensure her risk assessments, insurance and DBS are effective and kept up to date. Megan and Amy to		Farm assistant, DTF staff and volunteers, Thrive nature adventure staff.
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		,	
•safeguarding of children		•Debbie reports to Megan,	
attending forest school		Amy and the office when she	
activity		or any of her team are onsite.	
•safeguarding of DTF Farm		•Debbie to ensure her team is	
Assistants		adequately trained and	
		recruited using a safer	
•injury when use of hand		recruitment policy.	
washing facilities			
ainium in use of toilet block		•in the event of a fire that is	
•injury in use of toilet block		not in a controlled way on her	
•injury and safeguarding		site area Debbie to notify the	
accessing the farm site		DTF team and office	
decessing the furth site		immediately. Debbie to be	
•adverse weather condition	s	responsible for ensuring the	
cause risk to forest school		safety of her groups in the	
attendees		event of a fire but to also	
		report any casualties or	
		unaccounted for persons on	
		site. Debbie to carry a mobile	
		phone and be contactable at	
		all times whilst on site.	





•DTF staff contact Debbie in
the event of an uncontrolled
fire on their site if they
ascertain that her group are
required to vacate the site.
Debbie is responsible to
ensure her group safely exits
the site and ensure all her
group are accounted for
reporting this to DTF fire
Wardens.
Debbie to share DBS
certificates and any updates
for her team with DTF.
Debbie to take responsibility
for the safeguarding of the
young or vulnerable people
within her group and to be
aware of any safeguarding
procedures in the event of any
safeguarding concerns.





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	the farm labelled thrive forest	
	school and uses enclosed trail	
	to make way up farm.	
	 Debbie to monitor and 	
	maintain her forest school	
	area to ensure safety of	
	ground and equipment in use.	
	 Debbie to complete and 	
	maintain her own risk	
	assessment and share with	
	Farm	
	•Debbie to ensure a warning	
	regarding the setting is given	
	to all accessing her activities.	
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	Debbie to ensure hand	
	washing is available in her	
	area and advise group of farm	
	facilities	





•DTF staff to ensure their
Farm assistants are
chaperoned on the farm by dtf
staff at all times
•DTF staff can allow Farm
Assistants to use the staff
toilet in the event visitors one
has a queue. Staff to wait for
Farm Assistant in the event of
high foot traffic around the
toilet block.
•Farm to monitor safety
around access to the front of
the farm Debbie to report any
issues for her group
No access to main farm are
to forest school attendees





				•Forest school group to leave the farm down the forest school lane.		
Dedham Therapy Farm	Lone working with Farm Assistants offsite or in community	 harm/danger to farm assistant danger/harm to staff staff vulnerable to accusation being made Danger of injury 	Likelihood:3 Consequences:4 Level:12	 referral process to ascertain history of dangerous behaviour On day risk assessment done with higher risk farm assistant – use of specific tool Staff training in first aid, and lone working policy and procedure Staff training in safeguarding use of walkie talkies or mobile phone in emergency 	Likelihood:2 Consequences:2 Level:4	Staff, volunteers, farm assistants





		• keep view of farm site clear from office building	
		• Daily discussion about plan for the day	
		Make other staff aware of lone working activity	
		• Use of code words in the event of a situation where	
		need to report emergency without alarming Farm Assistant "Has the dog collars	
		•Staff to make contact with	
		office or staff group chat to let them know have arrived and left from a lone working visit	
		in community	





Dedham Therapy Farm	Lone working animal feeds/care	• danger/harm to staff	Likelihood:3 Consequences:4 Level:12	 Staff member to work in day light hours where possible. Where night farm visit is necessary in dark use of portable light and 2nd person to attend. Staff member to make management aware if not attending at their usual time and ensure information has been received Be aware of all health and safety procedures Management to have access to staff rota Lone workers must send message to management when finishing their shift. 	Likelihood:3 Consequences:4 Level:12	Animal care staff/volunteers
Dedham Therapy Farm	Terror attack/attack/thre at to life	• injury or death to staff, volunteers, farm assistants, forest school, students, visitors	Likelihood:2 Consequences:5 Level:1	 Front gang way gate locked at all times, using coded lock. Vehicle gate ways locked and keys kept in main office staff use walkie talkies to notify other team members of emergency. 	Likelihood:1 Consequences:3 Level:12	





				•In the event of being notified of potential terror attack or feeling concerned there may be a potential terror attack staff to make their way with their young people to green cabins or stay away off site if already offsite or closer to hiding spot away from site is closer and making way to cabin will mean alerting attacker., following threat to life/terror attack procedure. •Management to alert emergency services and forest school of threat immediately.		
Dedham Therapy Farm	Water	 Warm water borne illness Cold water borne illness No water available Sewage 	Likelihood:3 Consequences:5 Level:15	 Cold water analysis done 6 monthly via Aqua Samplers LTD Aqua Samplers LTD risk assessment completed Filtration system fitted and serviced annually by Veritas Water. Veritas water available for call out and emergencies. 	Likelihood:2 Consequences:1 Level: 2	Staff, volunteers, farm assistants, visitors.





		Hot water heater fitted with	
		Anti legionella function	
		We do not store hot or cold	
		water in a tank which avoid	
		any vermin having access.	
		 Weekly flushes of hosepipes 	
		and taps for 15 minutes	
		 Water temperature test 	
		monthly Hot water greater	
		than 50 degrees Celsius and	
		cold water lower than 20	
		degress Celsius using water	
		thermometer and logged in	
		Water check log	
		 Legionella function on hot 	
		water heater actioned	
		monthly and documented	
		using hot water check log.	
		 Hot water analysis done 6 	
		monthly using	
		www.smartwatertesting.co.uk	
		(Sample must be sent within 2	
		days of being taken)	
		 In the event of a positive 	
		water analysis for water borne	
		illness – Staff with water	
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		testing responsibilities must	
		contact Veritas water for	
		support with cleaning of the	
		water system & Liaise with	
		Aqua Samplers Ltd to discuss	
		course of action and next	
		steps.	
		Depending on the	
		recommendations from the	
		water testing company - close	
		the farm to sessions and	
		access to public i.e. forest	
		school until water has been	
		retested safe.	
		 Water hoses to be removed 	
		and replaced once disease	
		identified. Taps to be taped	
		off until notified safe to begin	
		using again.	
		 No one on site unsupervised 	
		without a member of team	
		that is trained and informed	
		on following procedure.	
		 Action – fit troughs in each 	
		animal enclosure that doesn't	
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		currently have one to reduce	
		the need of hoses.	
		 In the event of flooding 	
		causing sewage coming up out	
		of man holes – Close off	
		paddock(s) access to anyone,	
		move animals to alternative	
		grazing space. Contact Anglian	
		water 03457 145 145 to notify	
		them and to organise	
		rectifying plan.	
		 If flooding removes toilet 	
		flushing access – Sessions	
		cancellations are done on a	
		case by case basis – depending	
		on session length and	
		individual's needs – Notify	
		anyone including other	
		businesses that has access to	
		the site that toilet facilities are	
		off limits.	
		 If flooding results in drains 	
		being back up filling	
		handwashing sinks – Notify	
		anyone including other	
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			businesses that has access to the site that hand washing facilities are off limits.		
Stress Management - Demands of the job	•High emotional demands working with children and young adults with complex needs and possible unpredictable behaviour. •Physical work outdoors in all weather.	Likelihood:4 Consequences:4 Level:16	Staff rotas balance workload Regular breaks encouraged Protective clothing provided Suitable clothing for the weather encouraged Employee Assistance Programme (EAP) in place with 24/7 support for all staff Management Team to monitor workloads during busy periods Management to encourage to access formal and informal supervision with lead OT. Ongoing teambuilding activities and social gatherings.	Likelihood:2 Consequences:2 Level:4	All staff members





Stress Management - Support	 Staff may feel emotionally drained after safeguarding disclosures. Staff may be affected by working with young people who have suffered Adverse Childhood Experiences 	Likelihood:4 Consequences:3 Level:12	Supervision from lead OT DSL/DDSL on-call to support staff EAP available to staff to offer emotional support/counselling	Likelihood:4 Consequences:2 Level:8	All staff members
Stress Management - Relationships	• Potential for conflict between staff working closely together in a small team.	Likelihood:2 Consequences:2 Level:4	 Clear safeguarding and behaviour policies alongside a code of conduct. Ongoing teambuilding activities and social gatherings. Management Team to promote an open communication culture. 	Likelihood:1 Consequences:1 Level:1	All staff members, Animal Care staff and volunteers
Stress Management – Role clarity	•Feeling unsure about role that needs fulfilling •Uncertainty about boundaries between therapy team, animal care team, volunteers and Farm Assistants	Likelihood:3 Consequences:2 Level:6	 Thorough job descriptions issued Safeguarding responsibilities explained at induction. Thorough induction process and supervision Annual role review Training for staff kept up to date 	Likelihood:1 Consequences:2 Level:2	All staff members, Animal Care staff and volunteers





Stress Management - Change to schedules	Policy updates or sudden changes in schedules can create anxiety.	Likelihood:3 Consequences:2 Level:6	Changes communicated via email and meetings as soon as possible. Offer advance notice of changes where possible and involve staff in decisionmaking. Team meetings	Likelihood:2 Consequences:1 Level:2	All staff members, Animal Care staff and volunteers
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Review date	position	name	comments
16.09.22	Business manager	Megan Dack	Risks added
24.03.23	Business manager	Megan Dack	Risks added
19.05.23	Business manager	Megan Dack	Risk added
09.08.23	Business manager/OTA	Megan Dack/Hayley Barker	New activity





29.08.23	Business manager	Megan Dack	Risk added
04.09.23	Business manager	Megan Dack	Risk assessment reviewed.
04.09.23	Business manager	Megan Dack	Wording altered to donkey walking and swing and hammock use
21.05.24	Business manager/OTA	Megan Dack/Savanna Edwards	Risk added
16.08.24	Business Manager	Megan Dack	Risk Added/Reviewed
16.08.25	Business Manager	Megan Dack	Review Wording altered in fire Asbestos survey assessed and added Terror/threat to life attacked added Updates/edits to walking donkeys and alpacas offsite Thrive forest school entrance wording edit Farm Access – changes to front





			gate added. Topper use and tractor added to mowers
22/08/2025	Operations Coordinators	Thomas Clapson	Stress Management added