

Lynwood School of Veterinary Nursing Equality, Diversity, and Inclusion (EDI) Policy

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Definitions

LSVN	means Lynwood School of Veterinary Nursing.
Responsible Persons	means Heads of School

Lynwood School of Veterinary Nursing (LSVN) not only fulfils its legal position in relation to current and future equality legislation including The Equality Act (2010) and Northern Ireland Act (Section 75, Schedule 9, 1998) but is committed to encouraging equality and diversity among our employees, apprentice's and stakeholders, and eliminating unlawful discrimination.

Our Aim

The aim is for LSVN to be truly inclusive and embrace EDI, by promoting this by all involved with the Apprenticeship programme and demonstrated within LSVN core values.

LSVN Core Values:

- ❖ **RESPECT** - A spirit of co-operation and understanding between all apprentices' and staff based on mutual respect, teamwork and trust, and an environment of equality of opportunity that encourages an understanding and appreciation of the needs of others.
- ❖ **TEAMWORK** - An environment of equality of opportunity that encourages an understanding and appreciation of the needs of others.
- ❖ **COMMITMENT** - A commitment to dealing with oppressive behaviour, harassment or bullying and a culture where diversity is celebrated and all apprentices and staff are valued equally.
- ❖ **INTEGRITY** - All learners, staff and partners have responsibility to act with integrity which supports and promotes these values and vision.

Lynwood School of Veterinary Nursing will comply with the general equality duty by:

- Create a working environment and environment free of bullying, harassment, victimisation and unlawful discrimination, promoting dignity and respect for all, and where individual differences and the contributions of all staff are recognised and valued.
- This commitment includes all staff about their rights and responsibilities under the equality policy. Responsibilities include staff conducting themselves to help the organisation provide equal opportunities in employment, and prevent bullying, harassment, victimisation and unlawful discrimination.
- All staff should understand they, as well as their employer, can be held liable for acts of bullying, harassment, victimisation and unlawful discrimination, in the course of their employment, against fellow employees, customers, suppliers and the public.
- not unlawfully discriminate because of the Equality Act 2010 protected characteristics of age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage and civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity, race (including colour, nationality, and ethnic or national origin), religion or belief, sex (gender) and sexual orientation
- oppose and avoid all forms of unlawful discrimination. This includes in pay and benefits, terms and conditions of employment, dealing with grievances and discipline, dismissal, redundancy, leave for parents, requests for flexible working, and selection for employment, promotion, training or other developmental opportunities.
- Ensure confidentiality is embedded into all processes and ensure disability data is handled respectfully

Lynwood School of Veterinary Nursing understands and acknowledges that on some occasions, individuals and groups may be treated more favourably than others because of their protected characteristic in order to advance equality.

The nine Protected Characteristics set out by the Equality Act 2010 are:

- ❖ age
- ❖ disability
- ❖ race
- ❖ pregnancy and maternity
- ❖ religion or belief (including lack of belief)
- ❖ gender reassignment
- ❖ sexual orientation
- ❖ marriage and civil partnership
- ❖ sex (male or female)

To comply with the specific duties requested upon colleges by the Equality Act 2010 Lynwood School of Veterinary Nursing will:

- Give due regard to the specific duties when developing, evaluating and reviewing policies;
- Give due regard to the specific duties when designing, delivering and evaluating services, including apprenticeship provision.

In order to realise our commitment to EDI, Lynwood School of Veterinary Nursing will:

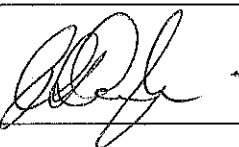
- Ensure everyone accepts their responsibility to uphold equality and show respect to others.
- Seek staff engagement, awareness and support through regular team meetings.
- Seek apprenticeship engagement, awareness and support through a variety of learner involvement strategies.
- Ensure equality analysis of policies, procedures and strategies, environment, activities and resources.
- Demonstrate its commitment to EDI through widening participation, actively seeking educational and social inclusion, fostering an inclusive and safe culture, valuing equality and respecting and celebrating diversity.
- Promote awareness of EDI through training and information, advice and guidance.
- Investigate and take appropriate action for all complaints relating to any strand of equality.
- Monitor and review EDI on an annual basis.
- Take seriously complaints of bullying, harassment, victimisation and unlawful discrimination by fellow employees, customers, suppliers, visitors, the public and any others in the course of the organisation's work activities.
- Ensure all teaching materials use images and language representative of society.
- Ensure all learners who are placed as substantially disadvantaged have access to reasonable adjustments (Equality Act 2010). All reasonable adjustments are based on individual need and confirmed with the awarding organisation.

This policy will be reviewed yearly.



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Reviewed/Updated Date	Initials	Job Role
July 2020 (Review)	JL	Quality Manager
July 2021 (Review/Update)	JL	Quality Manager
February 2022 (Review)	VB	DSL
09.03.2023 (Review)	ET	Quality and Data Manager
11.03.2024 (Review)	ET	Quality Manager
03.02.2025 (Review)	ET	Quality Manager
05.02.2026 (Review)	ET	Quality Manager

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