

Risk Assessment – Administering medicines

Department:	LKL	Site:	Relief and Contract Farms
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Task description		Administering Medicines	
Medicines are administered to animals in a variety of places including the parlour and in the crush. The medicines may be administered orally, via an injection or via treatment to the skin or udder.			
Personnel Affected:			
Stock person			
Potential Hazards:		Control Measures :	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Zoonoses transmitted from cows to human could cause a variety of conditions and diseases. 2. Crushing or kicking may cause injury. 3. Slips, trips and Falls around the area could cause injury. 4. Accidental injection causing cut or puncture wound. 5. Skin irritation from chemicals and medicines used to treat the cattle. 		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Wear PPE – (gloves) and wash hands regularly, especially prior to eating. All cuts and open wounds to be kept clean and dressed. Toilet and washing facilities to be available. Any specific infection known to the farmer should be reported to all persons involved in handling the cattle and further precautions taken if required. Annual testing of the herd. Good standard of hygiene maintained within the parlour. 2. All employees are experienced in dealing with cattle and carrying out the administration of medicines. Where possible the animal should be restrained. The crush is to be kept in a good condition and well maintained. The crush is to be purpose built with foot restraints, belly winches and adequate space. 3. All milking personnel should wear sound Wellington boots with good tread. The area should be clean, clutter free and well maintained. 4. Use applicators with shrouded needles. Store all sharp items safely and dispose of defective needles safely. 5. COSHH assessments and data sheet to be available. Gloves to be worn when required. Wash hands after use. 	
Probability:		Severity:	
Certain: Could happen anytime	=4	Death	=4
Probable: Likely to happen	=3	X Serious temporary injury	=3 X
Possible: May happen	=2	Minor Injury	=2
Remote: Little or no chance of occurrence	=1	First Aid injury (small cuts, etc)	=1
Risk Factor:		Residual Risk:	
Low: 1 to 3		9 – High	
Medium: 4 to 7			
High: 8 to 11			
Very High: 12 to 16			
Action Required & Target Dates/Other Comments:			