



Additions to PSS Manual 2012

(1) 5.2 Core/SA (pg 29)

Amended wording to:

Washing and disinfectant facilities must be provided for staff in the kennels and cattery.

Yellow guidance box added:

The expectation is that each ward area will have its own sink located in the ward. Where this is impossible, and the nearest sink is located in an adjacent room, then consideration must be given as to whether the room in which the sink is located is in a 'clean' or a 'dirty' environment. As 'dirty' procedures are done in the ward area, it would generally be unsuitable for the sink or access to it to be via a clean environment. Additionally, consideration must be given to the touching of the door handles; it would not be acceptable for staff to use their hands to open a door to access a sink in the adjacent room.

(2) 5.6 VH/ALL (pg 36) + 10.3 for ESCs (replace existing box pg 80)

Continuous lighting which is suitable to complete operative surgery must illuminate automatically in the event of power failure.

(3) 6.6 CORE (pg 47)

Amended wording: ".....the practice should send a fax or email (irrnot@hse.gov.uk) to the HSE and retain a copy of the notification for their records"

(4) 7.1 GP/SA (pg 53)

It is acceptable for BUN testing to be done off site. In that situation we would expect the inspector to be provided with details of the arrangements in place for obtaining results within a reasonable time (reasonable to be considered in light of the clinical necessities of the individual practice under consideration).

(5) 10.7 (ESC) + 7.1 VH/ SA (pg 53 + 83)

Underneath existing box:

There must be the ability to look at smears on site. Evidence must be provided of training or CPD for staff in use of all equipment and in the interpretation of results. Reference materials must be provided.

(6) 8.1 CORE (pg 56)

Added extra yellow guidance box:

Premises should have Veterinary Medicinal Product (VMP) storage areas clearly separated from food / drink for human consumption and toilet and washing areas

POM-Vs, POM-VPSs and NFA-VPSs should be stored in areas that are not accessible to the public. Medication should be placed out of sight in closed cupboards (not glass-fronted) or drawers but there is no requirement for cupboards to be locked. It is acceptable for small quantities of drugs to be in consulting rooms for use during consultation. These should be kept to a minimum and should be in drawers/cupboards.

(7) 8.1 VH/ALL (pg 57)

Added: "for example the BSAVA or Glasgow university dispensing course."

(8) 9.14 Core (pg 76)

Replace existing wording with:

The Inspector will ask to see

- The PAT testing & visual inspection records
- Evidence of inspection of the electrical installation by a competent person
- Gas safety certificates

(9) 9.15 Core (pg 77)

Amended wording to

- Hazardous waste registration for those premises in England and Wales that produce more than 500kg of hazardous waste per annum.

*hazardous waste is referred to as special waste in Scotland

Added link information:

http://www.bva.co.uk/members/documents/BVA_Good_practice_guide_to_handling_veterinary_waste_in_England_and_Wales.pdf