

Control of Horses (Wales) Act 2014 –  
Delegated Authority  
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Equality Impact Assessment

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## 1. What type of proposal / decision is being assessed?

Other

## 2. What is the purpose of this proposal / decision, and what change (to staff or the community) will occur as a result of its implementation?

Recently enacted Welsh Government legislation in the form of the Control of Horses (Wales) Act 2014 provides Local Authorities in Wales with additional powers to address the issues of fly-grazing and the abandonment of horses.

The Welsh Government has produced an Action Plan and non-statutory guidance will be developed in conjunction with Local Authorities and issued to coincide with the coming into force of the legislation. Such guidance will include the process and suggested approach that Local Authorities should take in determining whether an owner is likely to come forward to claim a horse.

This report only seeks to secure the adoption of the Act and the associated delegated authority. Issues of policy which will address how the powers are to be used in practice are the subject of ongoing discussion and will be consulted on separately

## 3. Does this proposal / decision require an equality impact assessment? If no, please explain why.

**Please note:** if the proposal will have an impact on people (staff or the community) then an equality impact assessment **must** be undertaken

No

Adverse impact of these regulations on equality is very unlikely. Moreover, the legislation and policy has been developed by Welsh Government to mitigate the risks and consequences of any adverse impacts, should they occur. Positive impact in relation to equalities, beyond the protection of an individual's human rights, is also unlikely

**4. Please provide a summary of the steps taken, and the information used, to carry out this assessment, including any engagement undertaken**

*(Please refer to section 1 in the toolkit for guidance)*

N/A

**5. Will this proposal / decision have a positive impact on any of the protected characteristics (age; disability; gender-reassignment; marriage and civil partnership; pregnancy and maternity; race; religion or belief; sex; and sexual orientation)?**

*(Please refer to section 1 in the toolkit for a description of the protected characteristics)*

There is no evidence to indicate a differential impact for Gender and Gender Reassignment, Religion and Belief and Non-Belief, Sexual Orientation, Pregnancy and Maternity or Civil Partnerships.

**6. Will this proposal / decision have a disproportionate negative impact on any of the protected characteristics (age; disability; gender-reassignment; marriage and civil partnership; pregnancy and maternity; race; religion or belief; sex; and sexual orientation)?**

There is no evidence to indicate a differential impact for Gender and Gender Reassignment, Religion and Belief and Non-Belief, Sexual Orientation, Pregnancy and Maternity or Civil Partnerships.

**7. Has the proposal / decision been amended to eliminate or reduce any potential disproportionate negative impact? If no, please explain why.**

No	No, new legislation rather than a proposal or decision
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**8. Have you identified any further actions to address and / or monitor any potential negative impact(s)?**

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## 9. Declaration

Every reasonable effort has been made to eliminate or reduce any potential disproportionate impact on people sharing protected characteristics. The actual impact of the proposal / decision will be reviewed at the appropriate stage.

Review Date:	6 months
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Name of Lead Officer for Equality Impact Assessment	Date
Emlyn Jones	16 Sept 2014

**Please note you will be required to publish the outcome of the equality impact assessment if you identify a substantial likely impact.**

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