



# The Code of Practice



## What is it?

The Code is suitable for a range of farm and garden sites delivering green care services and is site-specific. The Code process involves completing an application checklist and compiling evidence of your site's policies and procedures. This is then reviewed by a team of experienced assessors and compliance is on a rolling 3-year programme.

# Why is it so important?

Our Code of Practice is a process we encourage all those providing green care services (such as care farming) to go through, so that we can be confident that sites meet a minimum set of standards. Here are the top 5 reasons why signing up to the Code is such a good idea:

- 1** It covers all the minimum standards that you need to think about when running a responsible and safe care farm, saving you from having to do extensive research.
- 2** You get access to supporting resources and advice from experienced care farmers.
- 3** It enables you to pull together all your policies and procedures into one place - this is handy when asked for on a busy day
- 4** Helps you to ensure your site is a safe and caring place to be – giving peace of mind not only for you and your staff, but for your service users, their families and carers and commissioners/ referrers.
- 5** You become part of a growing community maintaining high quality service delivery across the sector.

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## For more information

Please see [here](#) or contact [codeadmin@farmgarden.org.uk](mailto:codeadmin@farmgarden.org.uk) for more details

**"Completing the Code of Practice highlighted a number of areas that we needed to tighten up on, but also identified the areas of care farming that we were doing really well! A worthwhile process and the badge has been used numerous times in funding bids!"** Densholme Care Farm, N. Yorks