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PJA expansion with recruitment of Medical Advisor and Financial Controller

The Professional Jockeys Association (The PJA), the body that represents jockeys within British horseracing, is expanding its current team by beginning the recruitment process for a Medical Advisor and Financial Controller.

The appointment of a full time remunerated Medical Advisor is the result of match funding from Betfair and the Injured Jockeys Fund (IJF) of a three year contract that has been agreed worth a total of over £300,000.

The recruited Doctor will be responsible for medically advising jockeys as well as the sourcing of medical specialists and managing the recovery of jockeys from injuries sustained through race riding. They will also be responsible for managing the welfare services available to jockeys namely nutrition, physiotherapy and psychology as well as implementing additional support services.

Josh Apiafi, The PJA Chief Executive commented “It is with thanks to the generous funding from both Betfair and The IJF that we are in a position to recruit a Medical Advisor for our members. The welfare of our jockeys on and off the racecourse is paramount, as well as the provision of ongoing medical support and advice when a jockey suffers an injury. The appointment of a Medical Advisor will fulfil a vital role providing a fundamental asset to our membership”.

Ann Saunders, Company Secretary of The PJA said “The appointment of a jockeys' doctor has been on the association's agenda for more years than I care to remember. As professional athletes jockeys should receive the best possible medical treatment and support following an accident. I'm absolutely delighted that through the generosity of Betfair and the IJF we can now realise what has been one of our objectives for so long”.

A Financial Controller at The PJA is also currently being recruited who will be responsible for managing the financial element of The PJA's planned commercialisation strategy. Josh Apiafi, commented “The Financial Controller position comes at a time when The PJA is establishing itself in the sponsorship and commercial rights market and the appointment will over see the whole finance side of the business together with expansion plans within organisation”.

Both positions have been advertised in The Racing Post and will be advertised again this Thursday 22 May 2008. Full job descriptions and application details for both roles are detailed on www.thepja.co.uk

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