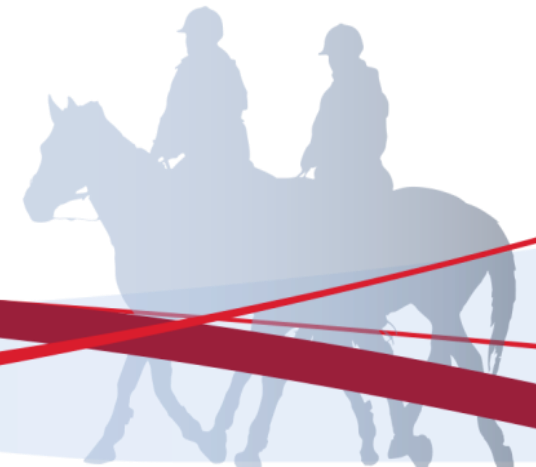


British Horse Council Meeting

Friday, 9 December 2022

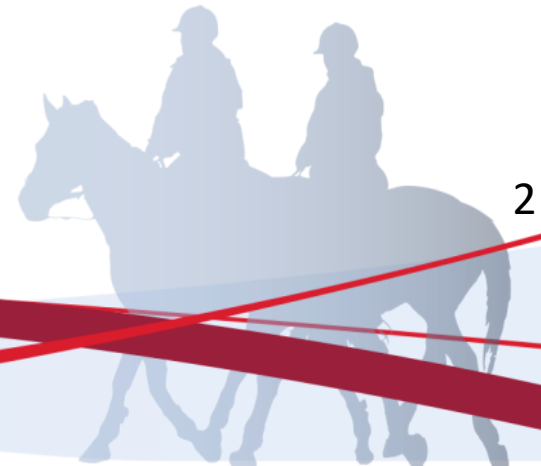
Licensing Activities Involving Animals
Post Implementation Review



Hiring out of Horses – “Riding School License”

- Animal Activities License introduced in 2018 to replace the Riding Establishments Act 1964 & 1970
- PIR – Have the objectives been achieved?
 - To improve animal welfare by bringing five animal activities licensing schemes in line with the requirements of the Animal Welfare Act 2006
- A PIR is a process which leads to a policy decision. It should inform decisions about the next steps

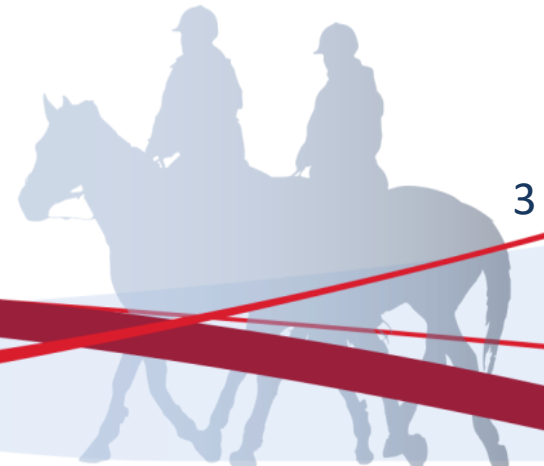
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PIR Survey

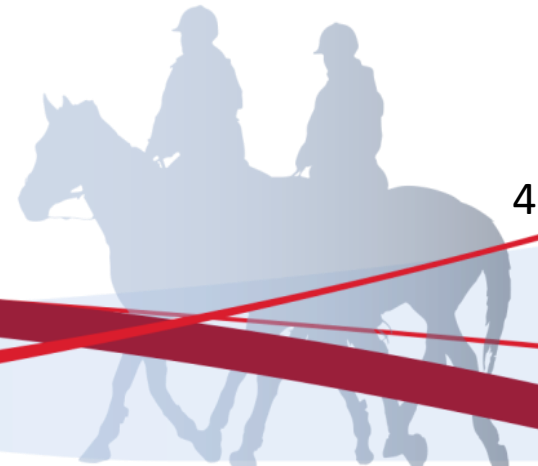
- 30 September to 11 November 2022
- 130 responses across all stakeholder groups – riding schools, vets, Local Authorities, welfare charities
- The introduction of the LAIA 2018 has improved the welfare of horses for riding or instruction in riding

- 46% Strongly agree
- 28% Neutral
- 26% Strongly disagree or disagree



Opportunity for Riding Schools to Respond

- Lack of consistency across Local Authority Inspections
- Guidance misinterpreted or applied differently
- Local Authority Inspector has a lack of equestrian knowledge
- Local Authority repeats elements of the veterinary inspection
- Evidence requirements overly burdensome and repetitive
- Lack of transparency for the general public especially around star ratings
- Inspection timeframes not followed
- Additional activities to be regulated (licensed or regulated)?
 - Loan of horses
 - Livery yards
 - Quality of Riding Instruction
 - Carriage driving



Next Steps and Timeline

- Autumn 2022 – evidence gathering
- Spring and summer 2023 – Defra report writing
- October 2023 – Report published setting out the next steps for the regulation
- 2024 – Changes made to the regulations and associated guidance

