

# BHC Update

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- See Agenda
- TOM / Borders
- Saqib Bhatti stepping down as Chair of APPG for the Horse

# Equine Infectious Disease

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## Protection Plan

To provide cost effective measures that will minimise disruption to the UK horse industry caused by infectious diseases and optimise equine health and welfare.

- Efficiently reduce the risk of an infectious disease outbreak.
- Pragmatically minimise the time taken to identify important infectious disease outbreaks.
- Limit the severity, spread, and duration of infectious disease outbreaks.

# Reduce the risk

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- a. Increase effective biosecurity.
- b. Increase vaccination rates.
- c. Horizon scan for emerging diseases.
- d. Slow the rate of increase of drug resistance.

# Rapid Identification

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- a. Maximise the utilisation of diagnostic tests.
- b. Facilitate rapid central epidemiological collation of diagnostic test results generated by the existing national network of laboratories.

# Limit the severity, spread, and duration

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- a. Optimise equine identification and traceability.
- b. Utilise pre-prepared Standard Operating Procedures
- c. Formally review actions undertaken following outbreaks to inform management of future disease outbreaks.

# Requirements

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- Central Service Provision (i.e., EIDS@Cambridge)
- Funded Projects
- Industry Practices & Regulations
- Lobbying / Governmental Support

# Action

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- Initial Report Presented to EIDSOC:
  - Review of infectious disease threats to the UK equine industry
  - identify priorities to mitigate those threats
- Follow –up report:
  - Translate initial report findings to clarify benefits and costs of potential actions identified in report.
- Next Step
  - Present report to EIDSOC then stakeholders

# Animal Health

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- Veterinary
  - Recruitment & Retention
  - Anthelmintic and Antimicrobial Resistance
  - RCVS Under Care
- Farriery
  - Examination Issues (End Point Assessment)
- Musculo skeletal therapy
  - RAMP / Veterinary Legislation