



2026 OVERVIEW





EIDS

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# ABOUT EIDS

EIDS is based at the University of Cambridge and collaborates with equine industry stakeholders to control equine infectious diseases in the UK.

Our dedicated team oversees multiple surveillance schemes, aiding in the identification and reporting of specific infectious disease occurrences.

We provide **free disease control advice services** for veterinary surgeons and actively collate and share information through platforms like the International Collating Centre, EquiFluNet, the Surveillance of Equine Strangles network, and the Equine Quarterly Disease Surveillance report.





# EIDS SUPPORTERS

EIDS is supported by multiple Thoroughbred industry partners including the British Horseracing Authority (BHA), the Horserace Betting Levy Board (HBLB), the Racehorse Owners Association (ROA), and the Thoroughbred Breeders' Association (TBA).



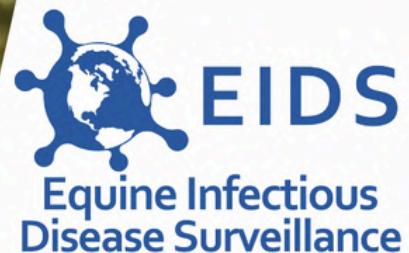


# EIDS' MISSION

EIDS's ongoing commitment to advancing equine health is demonstrated through our multifaceted engagement with the industry, including maintaining global equine disease reporting, collaboration through attending meetings, and sharing timely and relevant insights.

EIDS proactively advises on and oversees equine disease outbreaks, collaborating with industry members, and actively participates in events like the BEVA Congress to extend our reach. This reinforces our commitment to education and expertise-sharing within the equine veterinary industry.

Our frequent publication of articles, including the **Equine Quarterly Disease Surveillance Report**, underscores our dedication to knowledge dissemination.



**Safeguarding equine  
health with industry  
collaboration and data  
driven surveillance**



# CONTACT US

## EIDS FREE ADVICE SERVICE FOR UK VETS:

Tailored for vets, our free advice service offers comprehensive disease control guidance.

We can help ensure precision in your diagnosis, we can recommend customised outbreak control measures, and expert advice on clearance testing and future preventive measures for owners and premises.

Need assistance? Don't hesitate to get in touch with us via phone or email:



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## FREE VETERINARY ADVICE SERVICE

### DIAGNOSTIC ADVICE

how to make a diagnosis, the best samples to take and tests to run



[www.equinesurveillance.org](http://www.equinesurveillance.org)

### OUTBREAK CLEARANCE

when is it required and when and how to apply it



Call us for **FREE** advice - 01223 766 496

### OUTBREAK CONTROL

tailormade guidance to the population and premises set up

### FUTURE PREVENTION

what measures to consider for the owner and premises





# ABOUT OUR PROJECTS

# TELL-TAIL TEXT ALERTS



## ABOUT

Tell-Tail, the text message alert service for equine infectious diseases is generously provided by Boehringer Ingelheim Animal Health. This service is designed to notify promptly of outbreaks of equine influenza, equine herpes virus-1 pregnancy loss and neurological disease, and exotic notifiable diseases in the UK via text message. Available for UK-based veterinary surgeons and professional horse keepers, this service is offered at no cost.



## SUPPORTERS

Boehringer Ingelheim.

## SIGN UP

Register for Tell-Tail text alerts [here](#)



# HBLB EQUINE INFLUENZA SURVEILLANCE SCHEME



## ABOUT

The HBLB equine influenza surveillance scheme, tailored to Great Britain and Northern Ireland, is aimed at monitoring genetic and antigenic changes in equine influenza viruses. This service offers registered veterinary practices free advice and PCR testing, enhancing rapid communication during outbreaks.

The collected data enables thorough comparison with vaccine strains, playing a crucial role in influencing updates to current strain recommendations.

## SUPPORTERS

The Horserace Betting Levy Board (HBLB).

## ENROL YOUR PRACTICE

<https://equinesurveillance.org/fluenrol/>



# THE INTERNATIONAL COLLATING CENTRE



## International Collating Centre



### ABOUT

The International Collating Centre (ICC) has compiled global equine disease outbreak data for over 35 years. Subscribers receive daily email alerts, and a quarterly summary report is available on our dedicated ICC website: [www.equinesurveillance.org/iccview](http://www.equinesurveillance.org/iccview).

The ICC gathers information from various sources, including country-based reporting systems where reported outbreaks typically involve at least one case with a confirmed diagnosis through laboratory testing. These outbreaks may be reported by the testing diagnostic laboratory or by vets voluntarily reporting them to disease reporting sources.

### SUPPORTERS

The International Thoroughbred Breeders' Federation (ITBF), the Fédération Equestre Internationale (FEI), the Japan Racing Association (JRA), and Lanwades Stud.

### SIGN UP FOR ALERTS

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# EQUINE QUARTERLY DISEASE SURVEILLANCE REPORTS



## ABOUT

EIDS produces the equine quarterly disease surveillance report. The report gathers national disease data from diagnostic laboratories and veterinary practices across the UK, offering a focused understanding of equine infectious disease occurrences. Given the global movement of horses, international collaboration on infectious disease surveillance is frequent, with both national and international information summarised in each report. All historical reports are available on our [website](#).

## SUPPORTERS

The Department for Environment Food and Rural Affairs (Defra), the Animal and Plant Health Agency (APHA), each UK devolved government (Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland) and the British Equestrian Veterinary Association (BEVA).

## SIGN UP TO RECEIVE THE REPORTS

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Agriculture, Environment  
and Rural Affairs

BEVA  
→

# SURVEILLANCE OF EQUINE STRANGLES



## Surveillance of Equine Strangles

### ABOUT

The Surveillance of Equine Strangles network enables the ongoing assessment of the disease's true welfare impact, with data available since 5th January 2015, which highlight trends over time and different geographical areas across the UK. These data are then summarised and available to multiple equine industry partners via an online dashboard ([www.equinesurveillance.org/ses](http://www.equinesurveillance.org/ses)).

### SUPPORTERS

The Horse Trust and EIDS and it's supporters.



# REDWATCH



Equine Infectious  
Disease Surveillance  
**RedWatch**

## ABOUT

RedWatch is a surveillance initiative focusing on small and large strongyle disease occurrences in the UK. It gathers essential case data, via an online form, to better understand disease patterns and risk factors. Key data collected: vet and case details, diagnostic methods and clinical signs, premises population data and potential risk factors. All data are securely stored and anonymised for public sharing, supporting education, awareness and research.

## SUPPORTERS

British Horseracing Authority (BHA), the Horserace Betting Levy Board (HBLB), the Racehorse Owners Association (ROA), and the Thoroughbred Breeders' Association (TBA)



## REPORT TODAY

[www.equinesurveillance.org/redwatch](http://www.equinesurveillance.org/redwatch)



# EQUIFLUNET



[equinesurveillance.org/equiflunet](http://equinesurveillance.org/equiflunet)



## ABOUT

EquiFluNet provides insight into the aggregated and detailed outbreaks of Equine Influenza in the UK and globally. Detailed information is maintained in near real-time with data available from 2019 and with links to historical data going back to 2010. Resources for both veterinarians and horse owners are also provided.

## SUPPORTERS

The Horserace Betting Levy Board (HBLB).

## EXPLORE THE DATA

[www.equinesurveillance.org/equiflunet](http://www.equinesurveillance.org/equiflunet)



# REIN In AMR



## ABOUT

To combat the growing threat of antimicrobial resistance (AMR), REIN In AMR (**R**eporting **E**quine **I**nfections and **N**on-susceptibility using **I**n-vitro **A**nti-**M**icrobial **R**esistance testing) is a government-funded initiative, led by EIDS, that collates and standardises equine antimicrobial susceptibility testing (AST) data. By harmonising data sharing between the equine industry, private veterinary laboratories (PVLs), and the government, Veterinary Medicines Directorate, the project transforms raw results into clinically relevant insights. This collaborative approach aims to establish a sustainable, long-term monitoring system for equine health and AMR across the UK.



Veterinary  
Medicines  
Directorate

## SUPPORTERS

The Veterinary Medicines Directorate

## FIND OUT MORE

[www.equinesurveillance.org/reininamr](http://www.equinesurveillance.org/reininamr)



# POST-MORTEM SURVEILLANCE



## ABOUT

EIDS, in collaboration with Dr John Grewar from jData, has recently developed a cloud-based online database to standardise PME surveillance data entry and facilitate streamlined evaluation of trends over time. PME diagnoses are coded based on the VeNom (Veterinary Nomenclature) Coding system (<https://venomcoding.org/>). The new database accommodates multiple diagnoses per case, records the level of certainty of each diagnosis (e.g., suspect or confirmed), and logs the diagnostic methodologies used (e.g. macroscopic, histopathology, and/or additional testing)

## SUPPORTERS

British Horseracing Authority (BHA), the Horserace Betting Levy Board (HBLB), the Racehorse Owners Association (ROA), and the Thoroughbred Breeders' Association (TBA)





# MEET THE TEAM

# OUR TEAM

## Dr Richard Newton

BVSc, MSc, PhD, FRCVS

**Director of Epidemiology and Disease Surveillance**



After several years as a veterinary surgeon working in general mixed practice, in 1994 Richard joined the Animal Health Trust (AHT). At the AHT, as well as gaining an MSc, PhD and FRCVS, he acquired a breadth of experience in the epidemiology, surveillance and control of a range of equine infectious diseases, including influenza, strangles and equine herpesvirus. Richard has been principal investigator or co-applicant on many project grants, linked to non-infectious as well as infectious equine health and welfare topics.

He continues to sit on several equine industry advisory committees including the veterinary committees of both the British Horseracing Authority (BHA) and the Thoroughbred Breeders' Association (TBA), the Horserace Betting Levy Board's (HBLB) Codes of Practice sub-committee, the UK Equine Disease Coalition, and the International Equestrian Federation (FEI) Veterinary Epidemiology Working Group.



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# OUR TEAM

## Maire O'Brien

Secretary



Having spent 16 years working in London and a year working in Australia, Maire moved back to Bury St Edmunds and started working as a temp covering maternity leave at the Animal Health Trust and remained there for 22 years, the last 15 of which were as working as Richard Newton's secretary and admin support to the Epidemiology and Disease Surveillance team.

Maire is the first point of contact for the Equine Infectious Disease Surveillance team and always happy to help with any enquiries you might have. Maire is involved in the production and circulation of International Collating Centre disease reports, Tell-Tail text alerts and Equine Quarterly Disease Surveillance Reports.



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# OUR TEAM

## Tegan McGilvray - Shared maternity cover

BVSc CertAVP(EM) MSc M VetMed DipECEIM MRCVS  
**Veterinary Surgeon**



Tegan qualified from the University of Pretoria, Onderstepoort, South Africa, in 2008 and moved to the UK shortly after. She initially worked as a small animal vet before spending several years in equine practice. She later completed an MSc in Veterinary Epidemiology through the Royal Veterinary College (RVC) and the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, and a residency in Equine Internal Medicine at the RVC. In 2021, she became an ECEIM Diplomate and RCVS and EBVS® Specialist in Equine Internal Medicine.

She is currently undertaking a PhD at the RVC, investigating equine movement and its implications for infectious disease transmission. Tegan is excited to combine her passion for internal medicine, epidemiology, and infectious disease, applying clinical and analytical expertise to her role.



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# OUR TEAM

## Hattie Bell - Shared maternity cover

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Veterinary Surgeon



Hattie graduated from the Cambridge Veterinary School in 2012, beginning her career with an imaging internship at Rossdales Diagnostic Centre, Newmarket. She subsequently transitioned into Thoroughbred stud practice, gaining valuable international experience during two seasons in New South Wales, Australia, before returning to Rossdales and Partners as a permanent member of the team.

Building on a clinical focus in neonatal and reproductive medicine, Hattie earned her Certificate in Equine Stud Medicine in 2017. She is now looking forward to providing essential support to EIDS and the International Collating Centre, while contributing her clinical insights and pragmatic approach to the EIDS's mission of advancing equine health through evidence-based practice.



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# OUR TEAM

## Dr Abigail McGlenon

BSc (Hons), PhD  
Epidemiologist



Abbi graduated from Nottingham Trent University and joined the Epidemiology and Disease Surveillance team at the Animal Health Trust in 2017. Abbi is the lead developer of the Surveillance of Equine Strangles (SES) network which collates and reports on UK based laboratory diagnoses of strangles which has been operational from 2018.

Abbi has completed a PhD in veterinary epidemiology based at the Royal Veterinary College examining the epidemiology, transmission and genomics of UK laboratory diagnosed strangles cases between 2015 and 2022.

Abbi continues to lead the SES network whilst supporting other surveillance initiatives within EIDS including the collation of surveillance reports alongside utilising her creativity and interest in scientific communication to create engaging and informative content for multiple industry groups.



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# OUR TEAM

## Charlotte Barber

BSc (Hons), MSc

**Epidemiologist and Project lead - REIN In AMR**



Charlie earned a Bachelor's of Science from Hartpury University and has completed a Master's in Veterinary Epidemiology through the Royal Veterinary College and the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, specialising in infectious disease surveillance. During her postgraduate studies, Charlie has collaborated with the British Horseracing Authority to analyse multi-year datasets on exercise-associated sudden death in jump racehorses and related risk factors.

Charlie joins EIDS, to coordinate the Reporting Equine Infections and Non-susceptibility in-vitro Anti-Microbial Resistance testing (REIN In AMR) project, which collates and reports UK laboratory AMR results. The project aims to improve laboratory harmonisation and communication between private labs and government agencies, supporting national and international efforts against AMR.



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# OUR TEAM

## Fleur Whitlock - Currently on maternity leave

BVetMed (Hons), MSc, MRCVS  
Veterinary Surgeon



Fleur qualified from the Royal Veterinary College (RVC), London in 2012 and following an internship in Dubai, she worked in clinical equine practice in the UK. In 2017 she joined the Epidemiology and Disease Surveillance team at the Animal Health Trust.

Fleur works closely with vets to aid infectious disease diagnosis, control and prevention. She also assists with the running of surveillance schemes and collation of numerous surveillance reports.

Fleur enjoys promoting equine infectious disease epidemiology and regularly provides lectures and educational material on this topic. Fleur also completed a Veterinary Epidemiology and Public Health Masters in 2021 at the RVC.



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**EIDS ONLINE**

# **SURVEILLANCE HUB**

[Equinesurveillance.org](http://Equinesurveillance.org) is an extensive online resource providing valuable information and tools for professionals within the equine industry.

Our website serves as a centralised hub for the latest developments in equine disease and surveillance and encourages professionals, particularly equine veterinary surgeons, to sign up and access a wealth of resources aimed at enhancing their knowledge and practice.

Our platform enables users to stay informed about emerging trends, best practices, and crucial updates in equine disease surveillance. By advancing collaboration and knowledge-sharing, we play a pivotal role in promoting a community-driven approach to equine infectious disease surveillance.

[www.equinesurveillance.org](http://www.equinesurveillance.org)



## Facebook:



## Instagram:



## LinkedIn:



# SOCIAL MEDIA

EIDS has various social media platforms to enhance awareness and disseminate critical updates within the industry, particularly focusing on disease outbreaks and newsworthy events.

Our Facebook and Instagram pages serve as a central hub for sharing information, engaging with diverse audiences interested in equine infectious disease updates.

Our LinkedIn profile serves as an authoritative source for industry stakeholders seeking in-depth insights.

Together, these platforms collectively play a crucial role in amplifying awareness of EIDS, providing timely disease outbreak alerts, and enabling collaboration among professionals in the equine sector.