

# UPDATE ON EQUINE INFLUENZA OUTBREAKS DETECTED IN THE UK SPRING/SUMMER 2026

## EIDS UPDATE: 16/07/2026

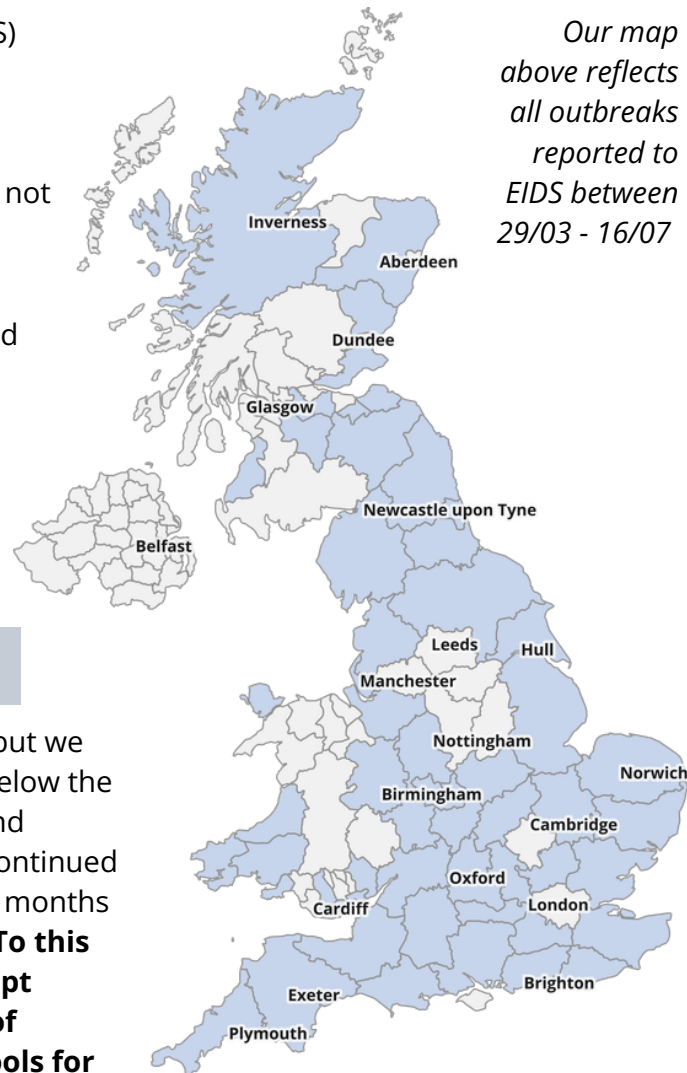
Since 1 April 2026, Equine Infectious Disease Surveillance (EIDS) has received reports of 134 laboratory-confirmed equine influenza outbreaks across 57 UK counties. EIDS is aware of a total of 184 confirmed outbreaks, but epidemiological information and/or permission for anonymous reporting have not been received for all.

These figures represent only those outbreaks known to EIDS, and additional outbreaks are likely to have occurred. Continued reporting remains essential to provide the most accurate picture of disease activity across the UK.

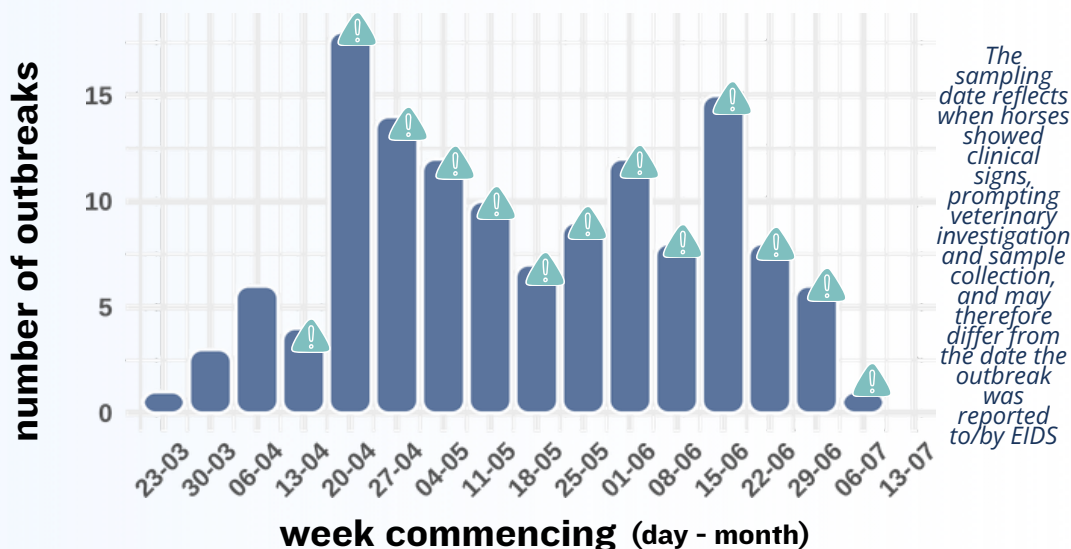
**In continuing the encouraging but cautious update issued last week, we are pleased to report that there have been no confirmed outbreaks of EI based on sampling date in the past week.**

## BUT NOT OUT OF THE WOODS

The absence of recently confirmed outbreaks is encouraging, but we caution that equine influenza may continue to be circulating below the radar of surveillance, and we may yet see further outbreaks and resurgence of clinical disease. This is especially true with the continued movement and mixing of horses at events during the summer months and we must all continue to work together to remain vigilant. **To this end, appropriate vaccination, enhanced biosecurity, prompt investigation of respiratory disease and timely reporting of confirmed disease outbreaks remain the most effective tools for reducing transmission.** Thank you to everyone playing their part to protect the horses and the equine industry, let's keep up the good work!



## OUTBREAKS PER WEEK BY SAMPLING DATE



EIDS continues to **encourage reporting of laboratory-confirmed disease outbreaks** and permission to share anonymised county-level data.



**Free laboratory testing** for suspected cases is available through the HBLB flu surveillance scheme, run by EIDS in conjunction with Rossdale Laboratories