

Equine Disease Coalition

British Horse Council

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Background

- Established in 2010
- Partnership between equine sector and the four UK governments
- Part of British Horse Council
- Aims to support UK level of preparedness for a major equine disease outbreak focusing on key areas of risk



How it works

- Meets virtually 2x a year (May and November)
- All meeting notes including Terms of Reference on BHC website
- Membership
 - Defra, Devolved Administrations and APHA
 - Veterinary input from across the sector – inc. EIDS, BEVA, British racing and NGOs
 - Secretariat currently provided by World Horse Welfare



A screenshot of the British Horse Council website. The left sidebar contains a navigation menu with links for Home, Consultations, Meetings, Links, About, Disease Coalition, and Contact, along with a search bar. The main content area features a photograph of a line of horses in a field. Below the photo is the heading "Equine Disease Coalition" and a paragraph of text explaining the coalition's purpose. A list of meeting notes is provided, including dates and links for "22nd May 2024", "15th November 2023", "10th May 2023", and "16th November 2022".

Issues over the years

- Exotic disease outbreaks
- Revised control protocols for Contagious Equine Metritis (CEM)
- Biosecurity
- African Horse Sickness (AHS) vaccine development
- Ongoing Defra review of current disease control legislation

