

The British Equine Veterinary Association (BEVA), British Equestrian (BEF) and the British Horseracing Authority (BHA) are collaborating to monitor the potential impact of a shortage of doses of vaccines for Equine Influenza.

The three bodies have been aware of minor interruptions to the supply of such vaccines throughout 2022. However, a significant, pan-European logistical problem being experienced by Boehringer Ingelheim (Manufacturers of Proteq Flu) have raised the prospect of a further reduction in supplies in the coming months.

BEVA is liaising with the three vaccine manufacturers to quantify the impact of the shortage and to consider solutions, not only to minimise the threat to equine health and welfare but also to prevent disruption to equestrian competition.

What does this mean for you and your horse?

- The six month rule for ALL affiliated competition (incl FEI) has been dropped, at least for a while, so for those clients that compete and usually require 6 month boosters – **these are no longer required for the moment.**
- Annual boosters for Mayes & Scrine clients will continue as normal (12monthly).
- The Primary course is still important for naive horses. Anyone wanting to start again as out of date for completion, please contact the practice.

Please see the following link for some more detail and as always if you have any concerns please feel free to contact the practice.

<https://www.beva.org.uk/Home/News-and-Views/Latest-News/Details/BEVA-BEF-and-BHA-monitoring-interruptions-to-supply-of-Equine-Influenza-vaccines>