

# Joint statement from stakeholder bodies of British horseracing

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**The following statement is published on behalf of the British Horseracing Authority (BHA), Professional Jockeys Association (PJA), National Trainers Federation (NTF), National Association of Stable Staff (NASS), Racecourse Association (RCA) and Racing Welfare.**

The racing world is very concerned by the allegations that one of our leading female participants was sexually assaulted and harassed during her career as a jockey. There is no place for such behaviour in our sport. Respect for each other, for our colleagues and our officials is core to our values. We have policies in place across the sport to address concerns about bullying, harassment and inappropriate behaviour, but we are always working to improve the welfare of our participants. We want a culture where all our people are confident to report concerns.

Anyone who feels they have been affected by unacceptable behaviour may contact the 24/7 confidential helpline run by Racing Welfare, the sport's own charitable body, which offers support and advice. Trained counsellors are on hand to answer calls. Racing Welfare will liaise with the sport's governing body, the British Horseracing Authority, and other authorities as appropriate.

Racing's Support Line can either be contacted online through [www.racingwelfare.co.uk](http://www.racingwelfare.co.uk) or via 0800 6300 443.

The bodies that represent professional jockeys, trainers, stable-staff and racecourses, support Racing Welfare's primary role for those who wish to get in touch in confidence, but will also support their members and staff if they ask for assistance in raising a concern. The BHA, as the governing body, is coordinating this response and will work with all partners in the sport and other relevant authorities to address any issues that arise from this case.

The BHA has spoken to the trainer concerned to offer support and assistance.

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