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PRESS RELEASE

PJA STATEMENT ON LAUNCH OF RACING INDUSTRY SAFEGUARDING AND HUMAN WELFARE STRATEGY

“The issues raised in Dr Boden’s report are ones we take, and the sport must take, very seriously. Whilst sexual harassment, bullying and discrimination are not unique to racing, there is no place for such behaviour anywhere in racing.

“We support the BHA’s statement and will play an active role in implementing and supporting their Safeguarding and Human Welfare strategy, one important aspect of which is the upgrading of racecourse facilities for jockeys. This is an issue the PJA has pushed for many years and it remains vital that these works are carried out as a priority.”

Notes for Editors:

1. The BHA’s full statement, complete with links to their Safeguarding and Human Welfare Strategy and a summary version of *Gender, Education and Work in the Horseracing Industry (2021)* can be found [here](#).
2. The PJA introduced its own Code of Conduct for jockeys in early 2021, a copy of which can be found at <https://www.thepja.co.uk/resource/pja-code-of-conduct/>
3. Anyone subject to or who witnesses behaviour contrary to the PJA’s own <https://www.thepja.co.uk/resource/pja-code-of-conduct/> or the sport’s Code of Conduct <https://www.britishhorseracing.com/regulation/the-code-of-conduct> should not hesitate to report it. Jockeys can report it in the first instance to the PJA if they wish but can also, or additionally, contact the BHA directly at respect@britishhorseracing.com or by calling the confidential reporting service, RaceWISE on 08000 852 580.