

## **Hendra virus infection transmission and dynamics: Questions for veterinarians**

Hand out information sheet and get consent form signed. Remind participant that the interview will be recorded, then transcribed and analysed.

Thanks for talking with me today. I would like to ask you a few things about your personal and professional connection with horses and the impact of Hendra virus on you and how you practice.

I would like to start by asking you about your personal connection with horses.

1. Can you tell me about your personal involvement with horses? How many do you have?  
What do you use them for?

Next I would like to speak with you about your professional involvement with horses and their owners

2. Tell about your professional involvement with horses?  
Prompt: What does an average week look like for you in terms of horses you see as patients?
3. I imagine you have a range of relationships with your horse owning clients. Can you describe some of the different types of relationships you have?  
Prompt: Tell me about the good working relationships you have (without mentioning names). What about the relationships that are not good?
4. Have there been times in the past few years when you felt your health or personal/professional well-being was at risk?  
Prompt: Can you tell me about those times? Have there been times when you have felt anxious about the horse work that you do?

Next I would like to talk with you about the impact of Hendra virus and the Hendra virus vaccine

5. Do you feel Hendra virus has impacted on your professional life?  
Prompt: Can you tell me about that?
6. Do you feel the Hendra virus vaccine has impacted on your professional life?  
Prompt: Can you elaborate on that?

Next I would like to ask you about your horse owning clients, no one specifically, just what you think about their choices.

7. What about your horse owning clients? Do you think Hendra virus or the Hendra virus vaccine has impacted on their lives?  
Prompt: can you tell me more about that?
8. When you think about your horse owning clients who are electing not to vaccinate their horses against Hendra virus, what do you think about the choices they have made?
9. How do you think they are making decisions around Hendra virus? Where are they getting their information from?
10. What do you think your clients think about how the Hendra virus issue has been handled?  
Prompt: May also need to discuss what the vets themselves think.