



Our Ref: ATIC2327

[REDACTED]
{By Email}

19 February 2021

Dear [REDACTED]

PROVISION OF REQUESTED INFORMATION

Thank you for your request for information which we received on 28 January 2021. Your request has been handled under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOI).

The information you requested and our response is detailed below:

"Under the FOI Act 2000 I seek the below information as held by APHA relating to the culling / disposal of birds infected with avian flu in Autumn / Winter 2020:

1, For each of the following individual locations (see bullet points below):

- the approximate (or exact, if held) number of poultry birds (plus details of species) culled following confirmation of avian flu at each premises
- the method of killing at each premises e.g. killed onsite using "containerised gassing"; "whole house gassing" ; "ventilation shutdown" ; individual bird killing by neck dislocation, electrical stunning or other method; or birds sent for culling at a slaughterhouse
- copies of any welfare records / observations made by APHA officials / vets or other official observers to the culling operations
- the destination of carcasses of culled birds from each individual premises e.g for incineration or food processing
- the number of poultry from individual premises (if any) sent to slaughterhouses for culling
- and confirmation of whether meat from culled birds entered the food chain
 - H5N2 (low pathogenic) avian influenza confirmed at a site near Deal in [Kent](#) on 2 November.
 - H5N8 (highly pathogenic) avian influenza confirmed at a site near Frodsham in [Cheshire](#) on 2 November
 - H5N8 (highly pathogenic) avian influenza confirmed at a broiler breeder farm near Leominster in Herefordshire on 10 November .
 - H5N8 (highly pathogenic) avian influenza was confirmed at a site near Stroud in Gloucestershire on 19 November.
 - H5N8 (highly pathogenic) confirmed at a premises near Melton Mowbray in Leicestershire on 21 November.

- H5N8 (highly pathogenic) influenza confirmed at two premises near Northallerton, North Yorkshire on [29 November](#) and 1 December.
- H5N8 (highly pathogenic) influenza confirmed at a premises near Attleborough, Breckland, Norfolk on 4 December.
- H5N8 (highly pathogenic) avian influenza confirmed at a premises near King's Lynn, King's Lynn and West Norfolk, Norfolk on 5 December.
- H5N8 (highly pathogenic) avian influenza confirmed at a premises near Near Willington, South Derbyshire, Derbyshire on 15 December.
- H5N8 (highly pathogenic) avian influenza confirmed in breeding ducks at a premises near Attleborough, Norfolk on 19 December.
- H5N8 (highly pathogenic) avian influenza confirmed in captive birds near Attleborough, Norfolk on 26 December.
- H5N8 (highly pathogenic) avian influenza confirmed in rearing ducks at a premises near Watton, Norfolk on 28 December.”

The information you have requested can be found at Appendix 1.

Information disclosed in response to this FOI request is releasable to the public. In keeping with the spirit and effect of the FOI and the government's Transparency Agenda, this letter and the information disclosed to you may be placed on GOV.UK, together with any related information that will provide a key to its wider context. No information identifying you will be placed on the GOV.UK website.

An Annex is attached which explains the copyright that applies to the information being released to you and contact details should you be unhappy with the service you have received.

If you have any queries about this letter, please contact the Access to Information Team at the email address below. During the current Coronavirus outbreak, our offices will be closed.

Yours sincerely

ACCESS TO INFORMATION TEAM

Email: enquiries@apha.gov.uk

Annex

Copyright

The information supplied to you continues to be protected by copyright. You are free to use it for your own purposes, including for private study and non-commercial research, and for any other purpose authorised by an exception in current copyright law. Documents (except photographs or logos) can also be used in the UK without requiring permission for the purposes of news reporting. Any other re-use, for example commercial publication, would require the permission of the copyright holder.

Most documents produced by APHA will be protected by Crown Copyright. Most Crown copyright information can be re-used under the [Open Government Licence](#). For information about the OGL and about re-using Crown Copyright information please see [The National Archives website](#).

Copyright in other documents may rest with a third party. For information about obtaining permission from a third party see the [Intellectual Property Office's website](#).

Complaints

If you are unhappy with the service you have received in relation to your request, you may make a complaint or appeal against our decision under section 17(7) of the FOIA or under regulation 11 of the EIRs, as applicable, within 40 working days of the date of this letter. Please write to the Access to Information Manager at the address at the top of this letter or email enquiries@apha.gov.uk and the team will arrange for an internal review of your case.

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, section 50 of the FOIA and regulation 18 of the EIRs gives you the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) for a decision. Please note that generally the ICO cannot make a decision unless you have first exhausted APHA's own complaints procedure. The ICO can be contacted at:

Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
SK9 5AF

Coronavirus

However, following the changes to Government advice, from Tuesday 24 March 2020 the ICO offices will be closed. They will therefore not be able to collect correspondence sent via post. Where possible, they ask that you [contact them online](#) or call on 0303 123 1113