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{By Email}

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Dear [REDACTED]

PROVISION OF REQUESTED INFORMATION

Thank you for your request for information on pheasant populations 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:

“Please may I request information on:

1. *Annual Pheasant (Phasianus colchicus) release ('releasing for shooting' - Poultry Registration) numbers in the UK broken down by a) postcode prefix and b) county from 2014 to 2021”*

The Animal and Plant Health Agency do not hold the information you have requested this was communicated to you in our response to your previous request ATIC1963 sent to you on the 17 February 2020.

Please refer to Appendix 1 for the data we do hold.

The Poultry Register has not been in existence since 2014 when the Animal and Plant Health Agency (APHA) was formed and historical records are not held.

Information provided is current at the time of this response. Where the post code is described as blank the post code of the premises was not recorded at the time of registration. The information provided is the average population of poultry passed to the APHA when a premises is initially registered. The ‘usual stock numbers’ are the number of birds provided by the poultry keeper upon registration. APHA do not regularly publish these figures, however after researching previously published materials we have found these documents that may help:

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/314715/pub-avian-gbpr13.pdf

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/314717/pub-avian-gbpr12.pdf

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/314719/pub-avian-gbpr11.pdf

Further information on registering poultry can be found on Gov.Uk here: <https://www.gov.uk/>

Section 40

We can confirm that post code data has been supplied using the first letters/digits of the post code as the full post code in some instances would lead to the identification of premises. Section 40(2), read in conjunction with 40(3)(a)(i), of the FOIA provides that personal data relating to third parties is exempt information if disclosure would breach the Data Protection Act 2018 (DPA).

APHA consider that disclosure of this information is likely to breach the first data protection principle in Schedule 1 of the DPA, which relates to the fair and lawful processing of personal data, in two ways. First, disclosure would not constitute 'fair' processing of the personal data, second, disclosure would not satisfy any of the conditions for data processing set out in Schedule 2 to the DPA. Therefore, we have concluded that this information is exempt from disclosure under section 40 of the FOIA

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

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Annex

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

Coronavirus

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