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Dear

### **REQUEST FOR INFORMATION: AI in Raptors ATIC2728**

Thank you for your request for information of 23rd March about Avian Influenza (AI) in Raptors. We have handled your request under the Environmental Information Regulations 2004 (EIRs).

The EIRs apply to requests for environmental information, which is a broad category of information defined in regulation 2 of the EIRs. Public authorities are required to handle requests for environmental information under the EIRs. They give similar access rights to the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

Your information request and our response are set out below.

"Under FOI can you please confirm how many Raptors have been examined and have proved positive for Avian Flu Since the first UK outbreak in 2021, to the most recent case where data is available in the UK."

APHA can confirm that eight Raptors have been examined and have proved positive for AI Since the first UK outbreak in 2021.

Information disclosed in response to this EIR request is releasable to the public. In keeping with the spirit and effect of the EIRs and the government's Transparency Agenda, this letter and the information disclosed to you may be placed on <u>GOV.UK</u>, 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.

We attach an Annex explaining 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.

Yours sincerely

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## Annex

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

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