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{By Email}

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Dear [Redacted]

**PROVISION OF REQUESTED INFORMATION**

Thank you for your request for information for data of avian flu in the UK since October 2021, which the Animal and Plant Health Agency (APHA) received on 26 October 2022. Your request has been handled under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) 2000.

The information you requested and the response is detailed below:

“Regarding the outbreak of avian flu in the UK, since October 2021 to date, and provided as data covering all of the UK and data only for Scotland, how many:

- a) Birds have been culled showing signs of avian flu?
- b) Birds have been culled showing no signs of avian flu?
- c) Birds have been culled in total?
- d) How much compensation has been paid to owners?

I would appreciate it if you could present the information using the following format:

	Birds culled - signs of avian flu	Birds culled - no signs of avian flu	Birds culled in total	Compensation paid to owners
Across the UK				
Across Scotland				

APHA do not hold data for Northern Ireland. Please contact the Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs ( DAERA) <https://www.daera-ni.gov.uk/>

Please see the table below. The figures included in the table provide data from 1 October 2021 to 30 September 2022.

	Birds culled in total	Compensation paid to owners
Across Great Britain	1,661,147	£9,632,513.15
Across Scotland	102,301	£1,227,405.36

The above culling figures are subject to change following final reconciliation of paperwork

### **Section 16 - Advice and Assistance**

APHA has a duty to provide advice and assistance to enable a requestor to submit a request or be able to understand and be aware of where information can be found.

The information you have requested in the first two columns is not held. Details on Defra's approach, including Defra's policy on culling and disposal is set out in the [Notifiable Avian Disease Control Strategy for Great Britain](#) supported by the [Mitigation Strategy for Avian Influenza in Wild Birds in England and Wales](#)

To assist you further, please click on the [Compensation for Animals Culled to Control Animal Diseases](#) link. The 'poultry valuation tables: September 2022' give details on the different amount of compensation paid for the type and age of poultry.

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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 or postal address at the top of this letter.

Yours sincerely

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## Annex

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