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Dear [REDACTED]

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION: Pheasant and Partridge statistics

Thank you for your request for information of 26th August about Pheasant and Partridge statistics. APHA have handled your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

Your information request and our response are set out below.

“Can you please advise the number of Pheasants, Grey and Red-legged Partridges reared in 2022 for all the YO postcodes and for the LS24 and LS25 postcodes (broken down by the individual postcodes please, not all as one total e.g. YO30, YO31 etc).”

The information requested can be found at Appendix 1.

The information provided is current at the time of this response. There are no records for the LS24 Postcode.

It is only compulsory to register flocks of poultry of over 50 birds with APHA. Owners/Keepers can voluntarily register flocks of less than 50 birds. To find out more about the registration of birds visit the GOV.UK website for information here:

[Poultry \(including game birds\): registration rules and forms - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/poultry-registration)

The information provided are the livestock numbers provided by the keeper upon registration. As part of the registration process, APHA ask the keeper what their usual stock numbers are, and this is recorded in the APHA database. It is the responsibility of the owner/keeper to keep APHA informed of any number changes.

Data for usual stock numbers per postcode prefix county containing less than five premises has been amalgamated to protect potential identification of personal data. This is covered under Section 40(2) of the Freedom of Information Act (2000).

Section 40

APHA holds the information for individual livestock units by postcode prefix but maintains its decision to amalgamate it under section 40(2) as the information constitutes personal data relating to a third party. Personal data relates to a living person and APHA consider the release of individual livestock units by county where less

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than five are recorded per county would make individuals identifiable by being linked to them. We can confirm, in some of the livestock unit counties, there are less than five premises. This makes identifying individuals more likely. 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. For further information Livestock population information can be found at GOV.UK

Information disclosed in response to this FOI request is releasable to the public. In keeping with the spirit and effect of the FOIA and the government's Transparency Agenda, this letter and the information disclosed to you may be placed on [GOV.UK](https://www.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 or postal address at the top of this letter.

Yours sincerely

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Annex

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