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Our ref: FOI2025/25678
17 December 2025

Dear [REDACTED] ,

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION: Households Keeping Chickens in Greater London

Thank you for your request for information of 1st December about Households Keeping Chickens in Greater London. APHA have handled your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

Your information request and our response are set out below.

“I am writing under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to request the following information, using data collected under the mandatory poultry registration scheme (or any related database maintained by APHA):

1. The total number of households in Greater London that are registered as keeping chickens, according to the most recent available data.
2. The same figure expressed as a percentage of all households in Greater London.
3. If available, a breakdown distinguishing between chickens kept for domestic/non-commercial purposes and those kept as part of commercial operations.

Please provide this information in electronic form (for example, as a spreadsheet or PDF).

If the requested data are not held at the household level, please advise what equivalent information is available (for example, the number of registered sites or holdings keeping chickens within Greater London).”

Please see Appendix 1 for a breakdown of the holdings registered keeping chickens in Greater London. The information provided is current at the time of this response.

APHA does not have data on the number of households in Greater London.

The information provided are the chicken numbers provided to APHA 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.

Any blank entries for chicken numbers or those with 0 is because there was no stock to record at the time of registration and APHA have not been informed since of any changes by the owner/keeper.

APHA does not hold data on domestic/non-commercial and those kept as part of commercial operations.

Further information about registering as a poultry keeper can be found in the link below.
<https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/register-as-a-bird-keeper>

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

Access to Information Team

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Annex

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The ICO can be contacted at:

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

Please click [here](#) for further contact details.

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