



Animal &
Plant Health
Agency

Newcastle disease

Know the signs

Newcastle disease is a highly contagious viral infection that affects poultry and other captive and wild birds.

The disease is spread by direct contact with bodily fluids of infected birds, especially their faeces.

Clinical signs to look out for

- respiratory distress such as gaping beak, coughing, sneezing, gurgling, rattling
- nervous signs characterised by tremors and paralysis and twisting of the neck (torticollis)
- unusually watery faeces (diarrhoea) that are yellowish-green in colour
- drop in egg production
- mortality is variable but can be as high as 100% and can rapidly cause significant deaths in flocks

Vaccinations

Talk to your vet to understand if vaccination is the right option for your flock.

Report it

If you suspect Newcastle disease in your animals, you must report it immediately by calling:

- **03000 200 301 in England**
- **0300 303 8268 in Wales**
- **your local Field Services Office in Scotland**



Twisted neck (Torticollis)



Dropped wings



Congestion: wattle & comb



Find out more information and how to report Newcastle disease by visiting:
www.gov.uk/newcastle-disease

Newcastle disease is a notifiable animal disease. If you don't report it you are breaking the law.