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Dear [REDACTED]

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION: Avian Influenza in wild birds and pheasants

Thank you for your request for information of 6th October about Avian Influenza in wild birds and pheasants. APHA have handled your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

Your information request and our response are set out below.

“According to the Wild Bird Reports, I understand the answer is zero. However, I have noticed some inaccuracies with reporting in general on the map so please can I confirm:

In the last 5 years on the Salsbury Plain SPA a) how many dead wild birds/Pheasants have been reported by species b) how many have been tested for HPAI by species c) how many have been positive for HPAI by species.”

APHA have extracted all reported wild bird mortality data from 1st April 2023 – 9th October 2025 and plotted them against the Salisbury SSSI (Site of Specific Scientific Interest). APHA do not have validated geolocation data prior to the gov.uk website being set up.

There were 0 reported wild birds over this period within the shapefile.

The following information does not form part of the FOI response but may be useful to assist with your enquiries.

APHA have added a buffer of 2km to the shapefile and repeated the analysis. There were 40 submissions of dead wild birds within 2km of Salisbury Plain SSSI over the same period. These 40 submissions consisted of 84 dead wild birds as shown in the table below.

Report Species	Birds Reported Dead
Other	3
Swan	9
Bird of Prey	4
Goose	1
Pigeon	24

Songbird	9
Corvid	34

The four Birds of Prey submissions were collected and transported to APHA, two of the submissions were of sufficient quality to test and both submissions were negative for Avian Influenza. Both tested submissions were reported in September 2025.

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Yours sincerely

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