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Our ref: FOI2025/21906  
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Dear [REDACTED]

**REQUEST FOR INFORMATION: Pheasant registration in Wales**

Thank you for your request for information of 16th October about Pheasant registration in Wales. APHA have handled your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

Your information request and our response are set out below.

“I would like to know how many holdings, registered with you, are keeping pheasants this season, and how many pheasants each has, in the Dyfi Biosphere. It would be helpful to have this data divided up by either community council or postcode.

The boundaries of the Biosphere are given [on this page](#), and by the following community council areas: Aberdovey, Aberystwyth, Borth, Bryn-crug, Cadarch, Carno, Ceulanamaesmawr, Corris, Faenor, Geneu'r Glyn, Glantwymyn, Llanbadarn Fawr, Llanbrynmair, Llangynfelyn, Machynlleth, Mawddwy, Pennal, Tirymynach, Tywyn and Ysgubor y Coed.

If retrieving data by this method cannot easily be done, I would settle for postcode areas LL35, LL36 9xx, SY23 3xx, SY24 5xx, SY20 8xx and SY20 9xx.”

Please see the information held by APHA below.

| Postcode | Usual Stock Numbers |
|----------|---------------------|
| SY23     | 100                 |
| SY23     | 400                 |
| SY23     | 400                 |
| LL35     | 250                 |
| LL36     | 700                 |
| SY23     | 400                 |

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|------|------|
| SY23 | 5000 |
| SY23 | 11   |
| SY20 | 12   |
| SY20 | 12   |
| SY23 | 300  |
| SY23 | 7000 |
| SY23 | 500  |
| SY20 | 0    |

Please note that the number of birds listed is based on the 'Usual Stock Numbers' provided by the customer at point of registration.

APHA can confirm the full post code is held but has made the decision to withhold 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 the full post code could make those individuals identifiable.

This information is being withheld under Section 40(2) of the Freedom of Information Act (2000). Section 40 It has been withheld under section 40(2) of the FOIA as the information constitutes personal data relating to a third party.

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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

**Access to Information Team**

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