

## Avian Flu Update

Latest Advice from Trading Standards Oct 2022

A [Regional Avian Influenza Prevention Zone](#) has been implemented which applies to everyone who keeps poultry or captive birds, commercially or as pets, in Norfolk, Suffolk and parts of Essex.

Government advice on Avian Flu is [available here](#).

The Regional Avian Influenza Prevention Zone means bird keepers across the county must follow biosecurity measures including:

- Ensure the areas where birds are kept are unattractive to wild birds, for example by netting ponds, and by removing wild bird food sources
- Feed and water birds in enclosed areas to discourage wild birds
- Minimise movement in and out of bird enclosures
- Clean and disinfect footwear and keep areas where birds live clean and tidy
- Reduce any existing contamination by cleansing and disinfecting concrete areas, and fencing off wet or boggy areas
- Keep a close watch on birds for any signs of disease and report any sick birds or unexplained deaths
- Have effective vermin control in place

(Additional biosecurity measures apply to keepers who have more than 500 birds)

The measures have been introduced because of the recent number of confirmed cases of Avian Influenza in the East of England. Avian Influenza is also present in Europe, and wild bird migration brings birds to the UK from areas where highly pathogenic Avian Influenza is present.

Information regarding the latest situation on Avian Influenza, including full details of the Prevention Zone requirements, can be found [here](#).

If you keep poultry, then we ask that you register with the Animal and Plant Health Agency (APHA). If you have more than 50 birds, you are legally required to register but you can choose to register voluntarily if you have fewer than that. By registering you can receive text and/or emails, keeping you informed of the latest bird flu information so you can take action to reduce the risk to your birds, which in turn reduces the risk to all UK poultry. It's quick and easy to register [here](#).