



Animal &  
Plant Health  
Agency

Animal and Plant Health Agency  
Access to Information Team  
Weybourne Building  
Ground Floor  
Woodham Lane  
New Haw  
Addlestone  
Surrey  
KT15 3NB

F 01932 357608

[www.gov.uk/apha](http://www.gov.uk/apha)

Guy Shrubsole  
{By Email}

Our Ref: ATIC1570

1 March 2019

## **INTERNAL REVIEW RESPONSE**

Dear Guy Shrubsole

You have requested that APHA conducts an internal review on the response you received from us following your information request on registered pheasants in the UK. We can confirm that this review has been undertaken by an officer unconnected with the original decision regarding your request.

### **The Internal Review Request**

APHA received a request for information from you on 28 December 2018 regarding UK statistics on registered pheasants. The internal review was requested on 30 January 2019 and our response is normally provided within 20 working days of receipt. Your request was regarding our decision to withhold "numbers of (a) registered pheasants and (b) premises with more than 50 pheasants, broken down by English postcode prefix." You identified previous information regarding post code prefix releases by APHA.

### **Investigation**

Your original request has been reviewed and APHA can confirm you had requested postcode prefixes only and not full post codes which would have been refused under the exemptions outlined in our original response.

### **Internal Review Decision**

The result of this internal review is the information you had originally requested and that was withheld, will be provided to you in part. Please see Appendix 1. Please note, there are 349 holdings (CPH's) that have no postcode. These holdings have 2,084,030 pheasants which will therefore not be including in the postcode counts. They will however be included in the counts by county.

The number of holdings less than five per post code has been withheld as it constitutes personal data. APHA can confirm the requested information is held, but maintains its 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 figures under five would make those individuals identifiable by being linked to them by their post code.

While APHA accepts you may have specific reasons for wanting access to all the figures requested, APHA have taken into account the fact that disclosure under FOIA is effectively an unlimited disclosure to the public at large, without conditions. We have considered the wider public interest issues and the fairness to the data subjects involved when deciding whether or not the information requested is suitable for disclosure.

Yours sincerely

**ACCESS TO INFORMATION TEAM**

Email: [enquiries@apha.gov.uk](mailto:enquiries@apha.gov.uk)

**Complaints**

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

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