

Are any birds showing signs of Avian Influenza?

Avian Influenza can cause a range of clinical signs which can vary between species of bird affected. Signs can include one or more of the following:

Flock signs - Signs in birds sharing housing

1. **Unresponsive**, quiet birds, unwell, don't want to come out and engage as usual. Don't come for treats as usual. Sitting around, fluffed up. They may rally temporarily, but will soon tire.
2. **Huddling** with each other or against coop furniture/equipment, in nests or around drinkers.
3. **Unexpected deaths**, with other birds also looking unwell.

Bird signs typical with notifiable disease:

1. **Neurological signs** – e.g. shaking, twitching, struggling to balance or just falling asleep and head nodding.
2. **Twisted heads** or necks leaving birds looking up at the sky or sideways.
3. **Swollen, bruised** appearance to heads. Facial feathers may stick up in swollen areas.
4. **Weak**, unable to remain standing for long. Look drunk and may struggle to control their wings.
5. **Shivering**, actually tremors as birds don't shiver when they are cold like mammals do.
6. **Bruising or blood spots** of the leg, neck or chest. Check the skin between the feathers.
7. **Severe dyspnea** - without evidence of gapeworm, ascites or space

Is the owner travelling from / to an area of restricted movement?

See <https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/bird-licences-for-captive-birds> for more information. Each link to an interactive map.

N.B. licences are required for all captive birds in a zone, not only poultry.

Yes →

Home visits are preferable wherever possible/practicable.

Yes home visit an option for this case?