The Welsh Government

Template contingency plan for notifiable avian disease at bird gatherings

Your contingency plan must include the following information:

1. Suspicion of notifiable avian disease.

You must report any suspicion of notifiable avian disease immediately to APHA.
Your plan must explain how you will keep any bird showing clinical signs of disease away from all other birds to reduce the risk of disease spreading.

Your plan must set out:

- Where will you isolate suspect bird(s)
- What measures will you take to limit the spread of disease? (e.g. cleansing and disinfection points)

You may wish to attach a plan of the premises where the gathering will take place, to indicate where you will keep or isolate birds if there is suspicion of notifiable avian disease.

2. Keeping birds on the premises until an APHA veterinary inspector gives instructions

If disease is suspected at the gathering, APHA require all birds, equipment and vehicles used to transport birds, to remain on the site until a veterinary inspector defines conditions for their safe release.

Your plan must explain:

- how you will inform participants or exhibitors of restrictions that will be applied to the premises
- how you will advise participants that if they fail to comply with restrictions, they may be committing a criminal offence
- where you will keep birds if they must remain on the premises
- how you will provide feed and water to meet welfare needs
- which persons or stewards will be responsible for overseeing the birds

3. Arrangements if the gathering becomes located in an avian notifiable disease control zone

A disease control zone may be declared while the gathering is taking place. If this happens, movements of birds off the premises will be restricted and a licence will be required to move them. It may take some days until birds can be moved off the premises.

Your plan must explain:

- how you will inform participants or exhibitors of restrictions
- how you will inform participants or exhibitors that movements are restricted and require a licence
- how you will advise participants that if they fail to comply with restrictions, they may be committing a criminal offence
- where you will keep birds safely on the premises until APHA gives permission for them to move.

4. Other relevant information

Include any other relevant information you have

5. Gathering details

Location

Date (or range of dates) of event

6. Licensee details

Name

Address (including postcode)

Telephone number

7. Licensee declaration (for specific licence applications)

I confirm that I have discussed this contingency plan with the private vet named below.

Date of signature

Signature

8. Veterinarian signature (for specific licence applications)

I confirm that I approve the arrangements described in this plan for planning what will happen if there is suspicion or confirmation of a notifiable avian disease at or near to the gathering.

Name of private veterinarian

Surgery name and address (including postcode)

Telephone number

Date discussed

Signature