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Request Details:

Information on dead wild or released pheasants reported since 01/08/2025

Veterinary Service Animal Health Group
Information Communications Branch



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Dear ██████████

Environmental Information Regulations 2004

With regard to your request for information received by the Department on 15 May 2026 which sought the following information.

Between August 1st 2025 and present, how many reports of dead wild or released Pheasants were received by DAERA.

For each of these reports, please can you share the data held on:

- **The date and location**
- **Total number of birds by species that were reported as part of the mortality incident involving the Pheasants**
- **The number of birds by species tested for HPAI from the mortality incident**
- **The number of birds by species which tested positive for HPAI from the mortality incident**

The Department have completed their search and hold information in relation to your request.

On 24 February 2026, DAERA received a report through the Wild Bird Reporting Tool at 07:40am. Within this report two birds were found deceased within a tree at Glenarm Forest, one of which was a pheasant, and the species of other bird was not given.

As both birds were decomposed, they were not collected as part of our Wild Bird Surveillance programme so were not tested for HPAI.

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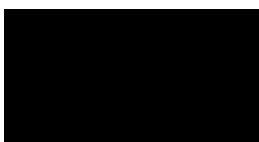
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If you require any clarification, believe that any part of your request has been overlooked, misunderstood or misinterpreted, please contact me in the first instance to see if it is a matter that can be resolved.

If you are unhappy with the way your request for information has been handled or the decision to release/withhold information, you have the right to request a formal review by the Department. If you wish to do so, please contact The Review Section either by e-mailing daera.informationmanager@daera-ni.gov.uk or by post at The Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs, Data Protection & Information Management Branch, Floor 2, Jubilee House, 111 Ballykelly Road, Ballykelly, Limavady BT49 9HP, within two months from the date of this letter.

If after such an internal review you are still unhappy with the response, you have the right to appeal to the Information Commissioner at Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, CHESHIRE, SK9 5AF, who will undertake an independent review of the Department's decision.

Yours sincerely,



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