

Contact telephone numbers of DVO's

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LARNE..... 028 2826 3222
BALLYMENA..... 028 2566 2862
LONDONDERRY 028 7131 9592
COLERAINE..... 028 7034 1111
NEWRY..... 028 3025 3200
DUNGANNON..... 028 8775 4777
NEWTOWNARDS ... 028 9182 5825
ENNISKILLEN 028 6632 5004
OMAGH 028 8225 1020

Help Prevent Avian Influenza

Bio-security

Biosecurity is important

Biosecurity means taking steps to ensure good hygiene practices are in place so that the risk of a disease occurring or spreading is minimised. Good biosecurity should be practised at all times, not just during a disease outbreak. Taking the right measures at all times can help protect your birds, your business, the industry and the community.

FURTHER INFORMATION ON GUIDANCE ON AVIAN INFLUENZA CAN BE FOUND ON THE DARD WEBSITE: www.dardni.gov.uk

Protecting your birds from the risk of Avian Influenza:

There are many effective measures you can take to reduce the risk of your birds becoming infected with Avian Influenza.



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The main points to remember are:

- * Keep your birds separate from wild birds, waterfowl, pets and other animals.
- * Feed and water your birds indoors to avoid contamination by wild birds and other animals.
- * Buy feed from a reputable mill or supplier. Supply clean, fresh drinking water.
- * Make sure your premises are tidy and clean. Control vermin. Spilled feed, litter and standing water attract wild birds and vermin.
- * Keep visitors and their vehicles away from your birds as far as possible. If they must have access, make sure vehicles and equipment are clean.
- * Make sure your clothes, footwear and hands are clean, before and after contact with birds. Any essential visitors should do the same.
- * Avoid sharing equipment. If you have to share, make sure shared equipment is cleansed and disinfected before and after use.
- * Be vigilant when purchasing new stock. Use reputable sources. Isolate new birds and birds you bring back to your premises (for example, from a show). Keep records of all birds purchased and sold to facilitate tracing if required.
- * Look out for signs of disease. Decreased food and water consumption, falling egg production in poultry and respiratory distress Increased mortality may be early signs of a disease problem.
- * If you suspect disease, act quickly and consult your vet. Bird flu and Newcastle disease are notifiable diseases and must be reported to your local Divisional Veterinary Office (details on reverse)