Could it be bird flu?! Triage Tool for Pet and Backyard Poultry

If you suspect Avian Influenza in poultry or

other captive birds, you must report it

immediately by calling:

03000 200 301 if you're in England 03003 038 268 if you're in Wales

your local Field Services Office if you're in

Scotland.



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:

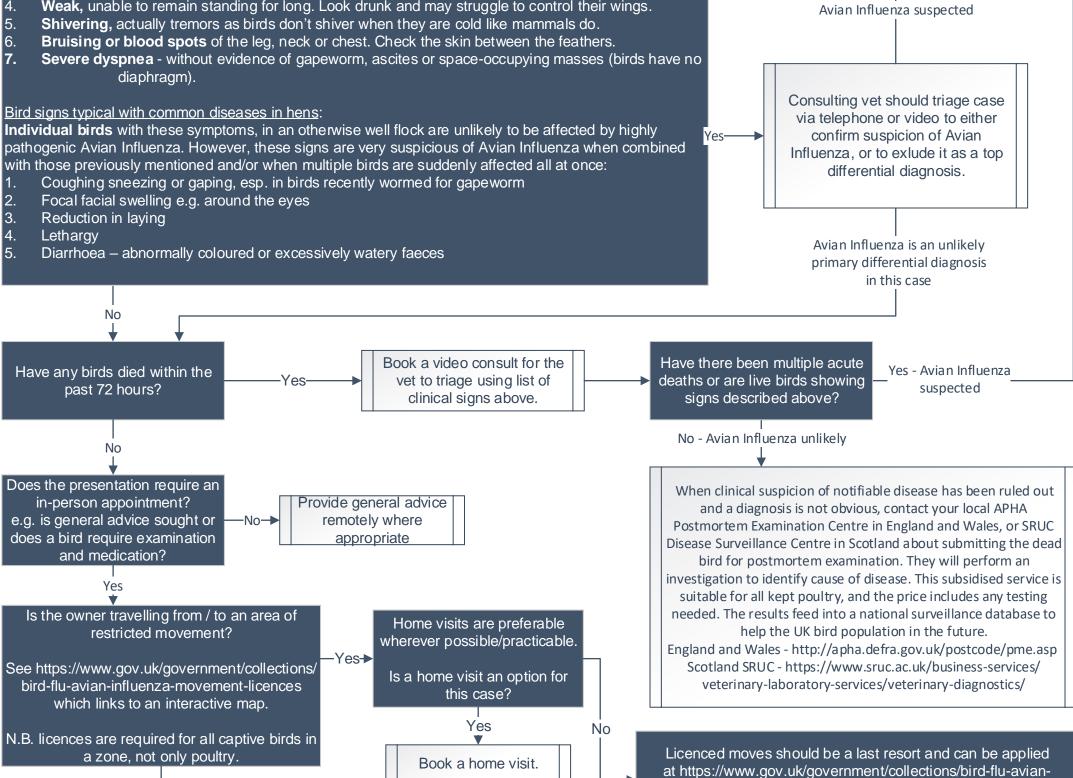
Flock signs - Signs in birds sharing housing

- 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.
- Huddling with each other or against coop furniture/equipment, in nests or around drinkers. 2.
- 3. **Unexpected deaths**, with other birds also looking unwell.

Bird signs typical with notifiable disease:

Neurological signs – e.g. shaking, twitching, struggling to balance or just falling asleep and head 1. nodding.

- Twisted heads or necks leaving birds looking up at the sky or sideways. 2.
- 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.



No

Yes

No

Take history regarding biosecurity to assess risk.

Do any biosecurity measures currently apply to the client? e.a housing order or prevention zone See https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/bird-flu-avian-influenzamovement-licences which links to an interactive map to find out measures for specific areas.

> Yes Is the client keeping birds consistent with the current measures?

influenza-movement-licences under "Specific licences".

For emergency licences, e.g. birds requiring emergency surgery or hospitalisation, contact the Defra Helpline (England) 03000 200 301, 0300 303 8268 (Wales). Scottish legislation doesn't permit this sort of move and a home visit would be needed.

Avian Influenza is highly unlikely and risk is low - no symptoms and appropriate biosecurity. Bird can be seen in the practice with standard avian PPE including gloves and an apron.

Avian Influenza is unlikely but birds are at risk - no symptoms but lacking in appropriate biosecurity. Bird should be seen outside with gloves and apron. If seen indoors, consider appropriate PPE inlcuding FP3 face fit mask or respirator.