

## **Poultry and other captive birds**

An [Avian Influenza Prevention Zone](#) (PDF, 39.1KB, 6 pages) (AIPZ) has been declared across the whole of England effective from 5pm on 11 November 2020.

Declarations for an AIPZ in Scotland and Wales have also been made by the Scottish Government and Welsh Government. The decision to implement this AIPZ follows a [risk assessment](#) containing the latest scientific and ornithological evidence and veterinary advice.

All poultry keepers in England (whether they have commercial flocks or just a few birds in a backyard flock) are required by law to take a range of biosecurity precautions. The AIPZ means extra biosecurity measures must be done by all bird keepers (including game birds and pet birds) to protect them from the risk of avian influenza from wild birds.

If you keep poultry (including gamebirds or pet birds) or other captive birds, you must act now to reduce the risk of disease in your flock by following the relevant biosecurity measures required within the AIPZ.

Good biosecurity improves the overall health and productivity of your flock by helping keep out poultry diseases such as avian influenza and limiting the spread of disease in an outbreak.

All bird gatherings within the AIPZ are prohibited therefore the general licence that had permitted bird gatherings has been revoked.

You can find out more about these cases on the [movement controls and licences](#) section including specific legal restrictions.