

# Cheshire and Merseyside Health Protection Learning Event

## ***Avian Flu***

**Date:** 8<sup>th</sup> December 2022

**Time:** 10:00 – 12:00

**Venue:** Microsoft Teams

### **Aim**

To bring together the Cheshire and Merseyside animal health and health protection professional communities and regional partners to explore the Avian Flu threat, share local experience and response and identify areas for further action to strengthen our preparedness and response plans across animal and human health.

### **Objectives**

1. To develop a shared understanding of the emerging threat of avian flu and its implications for animal and human health.
2. To develop a shared understanding of the local picture with respect to avian flu risk including mapping of high-risk areas
3. To understand the roles and responsibilities of agencies in responding to avian flu outbreaks from animal and human health perspectives
4. Share local experience in avian flu operational response across animal and human health issues and identify learning with particular reference to local antiviral pathways.
5. To identify gaps or areas for further action to strengthen our preparedness and response plans across animal and human health.

### **Who will attend?**

We would ask that anyone from the health protection community, organisations linked to animal health and those with a professional interest in Avian Flu across C&M attend.

### **Important Notes:**

- The Programme schedule may be subject to change
- Event will be recorded and may be published in some format
- Total time for event is 2 hours

## Session 1 – Why should we be concerned about Avian Flu?

Session / Topic Name	Lead
10:00am Opening the Event	<b>Donald Read</b> , Consultant in Public Health, Cheshire West and Chester Council
Background and Current Epidemiology	<b>Anjila Shah</b> , Consultant in Health Protection, Cheshire and Merseyside Health Protection Team, UK Health Security Agency <b>Tanith Palmer</b> , Consultant in Health Protection, Cheshire and Merseyside Health Protection Team, UK Health Security Agency
Questions and Answers with Anjila and Tanith	<b>Donald Read</b>
Animal and Plant Health Agency (APHA) perspectives and learnings	<b>Allister Compton</b> , Resilience and Technical Adviser England, National Field Lead for Wild Bird AI Positive Findings, Animal and Plant Health Agency (APHA)
Questions and Answers with Allister	<b>Donald Read</b>
<b>5 min Screen Break</b>	

## Session #2 – Cheshire’s Approach to Avian Flu

Session / Topic Name	Lead
Welcome back and intro to Session #2	<b>Donald Read</b>
Cheshire’s Approach – Part 1: Avian Anti-Viral Pathway	<b>Helen Thorniley-Jones and Katie Mills</b>
Cheshire’s Approach – Part 2: Local Authority Experiences and Learnings	<b>Donald Read and Nicki Rose</b>
Question and Answer Session with Cheshire Team	<b>Donald Read</b>
Next Steps and Event Closure at 12:00pm	<b>Donald Read</b>