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## APHA Briefing Note 51/22

# Delivery of TB surveillance and controls during the 2022-23 HPAI outbreak (England)

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### Purpose

1. To inform Official Veterinarians (OV) and Approved Tuberculin Testers (ATT) working in England of guidance published on the TB Hub website informing livestock keepers of temporary changes to the delivery of TB surveillance and controls in England during the current Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI) outbreak.

### Background

1. The Animal & Plant Health Agency (APHA) has invoked established contingency plans to maintain delivery of key TB surveillance and control activities in GB during the large-scale outbreak of highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI). Substantial numbers of APHA personnel normally working on business-as-usual TB-related tasks have already been redeployed to control the HPAI outbreak.

2. The number of HPAI infected premises in England has dramatically increased since September 2022 and further diversion of APHA and Veterinary Delivery Partner (VDP) resources is necessary to control the HPAI outbreak.

3. APHA has produced guidance for livestock keepers, vets and other stakeholders to explain how the delivery of TB surveillance and controls in England is being impacted by the current HPAI outbreak.

APHA is an Executive Agency of the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs and also works on behalf of the Scottish Government, Welsh Government and Food Standards Agency to safeguard animal and plant health for the benefit of people, the environment and the economy.

## Action

1. OVs and ATTs are encouraged to familiarise themselves with the guidance on the TB Hub and signpost colleagues and their clients to it as necessary.

## Further Information

The guidance on the TB Hub can be found at [Delivery of TB surveillance & controls during the HPAI outbreak \(England\) - Bovine TB | TB Hub](#) .