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APHA Ref. No. 26-B0091-04-21

Date Received 13/04/2021

Submission details as supplied by the  
customer

Sender's Ref. W/21/14

Welsh Government (Aberystwyth)  
Wildlife Management Unit  
Rhodfa Padarn  
Llanbadarn Fawr  
Aberystwyth  
Ceredigion  
SY23 3UR

Previous Ref Not Given

Owner Not Given

CPHH Not Given

Date of Sampling 13/04/2021

Case Vet [REDACTED]

Species / Breed Kite / Red Kite

Sex / Age Female / Adult

Email: [Wildlife@gov.wales](mailto:Wildlife@gov.wales)

Samples Animal Presented Dead x 1

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Sub. Reason Diagnostic Casework

## REPORT 2 (FINAL)

The test result applies to the sample as received. A sub-sample of the item may have been tested where appropriate.

## HISTORY

A red kite was submitted for examination under the Avian Influenza in Wild Birds Surveillance Scheme. It was found at Ynyshir Nature Reserve, Eglwys Fach, Machynlleth, SY20 8TA, map reference SN68 [REDACTED] 96 [REDACTED].

## GENERAL OBSERVATIONS

Identification	Sex	Age	Weight (kgs)	Body Condition	Degree of Autolysis	Submitted Live/Dead/Frozen
Red Kite	Female	Adult	1.05	Fair/good	Moderate to severe	Dead

## NECROPSY FINDINGS

There were many live maggots in the mouth and oesophagus and in the cloaca and rectum. The remains of a small mammal, mostly fur and bones, were present in the gizzard and proventriculus. The cloaca was much expanded with thick urate crusting on the mucosa and 2 large uroliths in the lumen. The lungs were very dark/congested. No specific pathology was identified in the other body systems.

## LABORATORY FINDINGS

### Virology

Sample	Influenza PCR Overall Result
1 (Cloacal Swab)	No Influenza A viral RNA detected
1 (Oro-pharyngeal Swab)	No Influenza A viral RNA detected

The charge for this laboratory work is £0.00 plus VAT if applicable. This will be included in your monthly statement.

Service Charge Code(s):

Additional Service Code(s) performed: TC0001A x 1, TC0575 x 1, TC0691 x 2

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## COMMENT

The carcass was rather autolysed and the cause of death is uncertain. The only finding of note on gross pathology was the dilated cloaca with urates, which had not caused urate accumulation in the ureters or kidney swelling and is of uncertain significance. The appearance of the lungs may simply reflect autolysis.

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