

Sample Submission Instructions

Please follow these instructions carefully and take care during the collection and identification of each sample that you intend to submit. We strongly recommend that you take the samples individually

1. Fill the Personal and Payment Details Form

2. On the **chXout Sample Record Form**, please write your own unique bird reference and species. You can choose between a regular (3-day turnaround) and an express (2-day turnaround) service.

3. Sample Collection

Great care must be taken during this step. If you are sending us more than one sample, please clean any equipment you are using (e.g. scissors/tweezers) between samples to avoid contamination.

Please prepare the samples one at a time and ask someone to check that the container (e.g. a Ziploc bag) has been correctly labeled and that the sample corresponds to the label.

The following sample types are preferred:

a. Egg membrane: We recommend sending dry egg membrane with bloody areas or veins. Please avoid wet membrane or crushed shell.

b. Feathers: Ideally three plucked feathers. Please note that we do not accept cut feathers.

c. Blood: We ask for three drops of blood, sent in a tube or absorbed onto a cotton swab (we can send you these in a collection kit).

We no longer accept mouth swabs except under special circumstances. Please call to discuss.

If you are submitting more than one sample, repeat the above for each sample, separately.

4. Please return to us:

- **Each sample in its own secure container**
- **The Sample Record Form**
- **The Personal Details and Payment Form**