

## **Information Update from Department of Health**

### **Swine Flu – Thursday 14 May 2pm**

Seven patients in the UK have today been confirmed with swine flu, bringing the current total number of confirmed cases to 78.

The Northern Ireland Executive announced a case earlier today and there are six cases in England: three children and two adults in the London region and one adult from the East of England. Of these, four are linked to previously confirmed cases and the other two are returning travellers.

So far, all infections in the UK have been mild, and cases have been diagnosed and treated early. This reduces the severity of symptoms, and helps to limit the spread.

But we must not be complacent – it is right to prepare for the possibility of a global pandemic. The UK's arrangements are continuing to ensure that we are well-placed to deal with this new infection.

### **Further Information**

If you have flu like symptoms and are concerned, stay at home, if you can go online check your symptoms on the symptom checker on [www.nhs.uk](http://www.nhs.uk) or call the swine flu information line on 0800 1 513 513. If you have taken these steps and are still concerned call your GP or NHS Direct.