

Information Update from Department of Health

Swine Flu – Tuesday 19 May 3.30pm

Four patients in England have been confirmed with swine flu today: three children and one adult case, all from the London region. Three are linked to previously confirmed cases, and one is associated with travel.

A Department of Health spokesperson said:

“The localised cases of swine flu found in the UK have so far been mild, and our strategy of containing the spread with anti-virals appears to have been effective in reducing symptoms and preventing further spread of infection.

"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 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.