

Information Update from Department of Health

Swine Flu – Thursday 25 June 3pm

288 further patients under investigation in England have today been confirmed through laboratory testing with swine flu. Together with the 53 laboratory confirmed cases in Scotland reported yesterday (June 24 2009) by the Scottish Government, one laboratory confirmed case in Northern Ireland announced yesterday by the Northern Ireland Executive and one laboratory confirmed case in Wales announced earlier today by the National Public Health Service for Wales and the Welsh Assembly Government, this brings the total number of laboratory confirmed UK cases identified since April 2009 to 3,597.

A Department of Health spokesperson said:

"The cases of swine flu found in the UK have so far been generally mild in most people, but are proving to be severe in a small minority of cases.

"We are continuing to work to slow the spread of the disease and to put in place arrangements to ensure that the UK is 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.