

Information Update from Department of Health

Swine Flu – Wednesday 27 May 3pm

One patient in England has today been confirmed with swine flu. The newly confirmed case is an adult returning traveller from the East Midlands region.

This brings the total confirmed cases in the UK to 185.

A Department of Health spokesperson said:

"The localised cases of swine flu found in the UK have so far been mild, and we have not seen evidence of widespread community transmission.

"Our strategy to slow 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.