

Information Update from Department of Health

Swine Flu – Friday 29 May 3pm

12 further patients under investigation in England have today been confirmed with swine flu bringing the current total number of confirmed UK cases to 215.

The newly confirmed cases are ten children from the West Midlands region, linked to the ongoing investigation of a school outbreak. The additional newly confirmed cases are a child in London linked to a previously confirmed case and an adult in the North West region whose source of infection remains under investigation.

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 of the disease appears to have been effective, and the UK's arrangements continue to ensure that we are well-placed to deal with this new infection.

"But we must not be complacent — it is right to prepare for the possibility of a global pandemic."