

Information Update from Department of Health

Swine Flu – Wednesday 3 June 3pm

18 further patients under investigation in England have today been confirmed with swine flu (see HPA website for regional breakdown). Together with the 23 cases in Scotland announced yesterday (Tuesday June 02 2009) by the Scottish Executive and one in Northern Ireland announced by the Northern Ireland Executive this brings the current total number of confirmed UK cases to 381.

A Department of Health spokesperson said:

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

"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.

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