

Information Update from Department of Health

Swine Flu – Thursday 4 June 3pm

23 further patients under investigation in England have today been confirmed with swine flu. Together with one case in Wales announced earlier today by the Welsh Assembly and 23 cases in Scotland announced yesterday (Wednesday June 03 2009) by the Scottish Executive this brings the current total number of confirmed UK cases to 428 (see Health Protection Agency website for a breakdown of regional cases).

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."

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.