

Information Update from Department of Health

Swine Flu – Tuesday 9 June 3pm

Nine further patients under investigation in England have today been confirmed with swine flu. Together with the 43 cases in Scotland announced yesterday (June 8 2009) by the Scottish Government and two in Northern Ireland announced yesterday by the Northern Ireland Executive this brings the current total number of confirmed UK cases to 675.

A Department of Health spokesperson said:

"The localised cases of swine flu found in the UK have, in the majority of cases, not been severe 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.