

Pandemic Flu Update from NHS The Week

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This week there has been a further increase in the number of estimated cases of swine flu. 18,000 new cases have been reported by the Health Protection Agency.

A license for the Baxter vaccine, Celvapan, has now been approved by the European Commission. Both the GSK and Baxter vaccines will soon be available for administration to priority groups, including frontline NHS staff.

A revised version of the swine flu clinical package has been published to reflect changes in the guidance on the use of empirical antibiotics and on oseltamivir prescribing in young children. The package has also been redesigned to clarify the circumstances in which it should be used.

All the latest clinical information and guidance can be found at the DH website:

www.dh.gov.uk/swineflu