

## **Pandemic Flu Update from NHS The Week**

### **Thursday 1 October**

The latest figures from the Health Protection Agency show an estimated 14,000 new cases of swine flu in the last week - an increase on last week's figures.

A license for the GSK vaccine has been approved by the European Commission. We are still awaiting final details of when the vaccine will be made available, but all NHS organisations must ensure that their plans for vaccinating patients in the priority groups and eligible staff are in place.

Guidance has been issued on the use of antiviral medicines for pregnant women, women who are breastfeeding and children under the age of one. We have also issued guidance on the rotation of doctors in training, along with guidance for GPs on sickness certification.

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

[www.dh.gov.uk/swineflu](http://www.dh.gov.uk/swineflu)