

REPORT TO THE: FIRE AUTHORITY	
DATE: 11 MAY 2009	REFERENCE:

SUBJECT: SWINE FLU OUTBREAK

SUMMARY (no more than 100 words):
Members will of course be aware of the developing Swine Flu illness that has spread to several countries as reported in the media. Although there have been no confirmed cases in Wales (at 1st May 2009), it is important that the Service is prepared.

Whilst it is very much business as usual (at 1st May) the attached report summarises the actions the Service is taking.

OBJECTIVES		IMPLICATIONS	
More than an Emergency Service		Operational Risk Management	X
Trusted & Respected by our customers	X	Community Risk Reduction	X
Saving Lives, Protecting Communities	X	Service Control	X
Managing within Budget		Civil Contingencies & Resilience	X
Allocate Resources to Priorities	X	Finance & Procurement	
Efficiency savings		People and Organisational Development	
Alternative funding & resources		ICT	
Managing People	X	CCMS	
Risk Reduction Planning	X	Transport	
Partnership Working	X	Corporate Risk	X
Effective & Empowered People		Estates	
		Sustainability & Environment	
		Welsh Language	
		Legal	
		Governance	
		Equality & Diversity	
		Representative Body Consultation	

COMMENTS/OBSERVATIONS ON THE ABOVE OBJECTIVES/IMPLICATIONS:

RECOMMENDATIONS:

For Information only

BACKGROUND PAPERS USED IN PREPARATION OF THIS REPORT:

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The following bullet point list summarises the key action/information in relation to the developing Swine Flu illness.

- The UK is at the Level 5 phase, meaning it is one phase away from declaration of a pandemic
- The National Flu Plan has been activated
- The Service is fully engaged with both the South Wales and Dyfed Powys Local Resilience Forums who are preparing/planning for a worst case scenario
- The three Services have been represented at the Wales Resilience Forum where a business as usual message has been given
- We have business continuity plans in place for widespread illness amongst staff which is under constant review as the situation develops.
- Daily monitoring of sickness levels is taking place at Policy Board level
- Two sets of detailed guidance have been issued to staff offering advice consistent with that provided by the NHS and Health Protection Agency
- The Service website has been updated referring members of the public to the NHS information sources
- The situation remains under constant review