

**A(H1N1) SWINE INFLUENZA –  
UPDATE AND RESILIENCE ACTIONS FOR NHS BOARDS**

The Department of Health requires all organisations to make a Public Declaration of Preparedness for the effects of a Swine Flu (H1N1) surge during the next few months. This Declaration is to be issued by the end of September 2009.

Stockport NHS Foundation Trust has developed and tested detailed plans to ensure that the hospital can cope throughout an A(H1N1) flu surge. These plans have been incorporated into the Trust's normal Business Continuity Plans and are embedded within the overall plans of the Greater Manchester Resilience Forum.

The Board of Directors has robustly discussed all aspects of the Trust's Plan at a meeting on 28 September 2009 and in particular the questions posed in the Department of Health letter – Gateway Ref: 12125.

The Board of Directors is assured that the Trust's plans are in accordance with the guidance issued in the document published by the Department of Health – "Pandemic Flu Managing Capacity and Demand in Healthcare Organisations (Surge)" April 2009 and that the Trust has complied with the requirements contained in the letter from the Department of Health Gateway Ref: 12125.

The Board is assured that a robust Plan is in place and that the Trust can play its full part in a system wide approach to critical care escalation and management of capacity.