

**REPORT ON THE READINESS OF
CLATTERBRIDGE CENTRE FOR ONCOLOGY NHS FOUNDATION TRUST**

IN RESPONSE TO A(H1N1) SWINE INFLUENZA

DATE 30.9.09

1. Introduction

On the 2nd July 2009 all Trust's received directions from Ian Dalton (National Director of NHS Flu Resilience) DOH.

All Trust's are to formally publish a statement of readiness for pandemic flu. This statement should be formally recorded for public, patient and stakeholders to see.

2. Statement of Readiness

The Board of Clatterbridge Centre for Oncology is assured that it is well prepared for the impact of the pandemic flu in line with the DH Surge and HR guidance.

3. Appointment of a Full Time Director

CCO has in place the capacity of a full time director level lead dedicated to flu preparedness and resilience. This is shared between all executive directors with the Director of Nursing and Quality taking the lead and providing the senior leadership required and is supported by a number of senior manages including the Health and Safety Advisor (major incident planning lead), HR manager, communication manager, lead clinician, pharmacist and the infection control team.

4. Staff Awareness and Training

A robust programme of education and training programme is in place covering face fit training and flu awareness. A skills audit has been completed and competency training packs developed for the possibility of moving non clinical staff into clinical areas.

5. Testing of Pandemic Preparedness Plans

CCO has tested its pandemic flu plans and business continuity plans in all its clinical services and in key non clinical services.

6. Understanding and Testing Capacity

CCO has tested its capacity constraints that may be caused through increased demand and workforce sickness absence through its testing of its pandemic flu and business continuity plans.

7. Staff Vaccination Programme

CCO has reviewed the published guidance and has developed internal plans reflecting the different professional staffing groups that we have (e.g. therapy radiographers and physicists) that are not reflected in national guidance. We are training 6 additional nurses to be able to administer the flu vaccine. We have a well prepared vaccination awareness programme to cover the pandemic flu vaccination as well as this year's seasonal flu vaccination programme with a stated aim to vaccinate 80% of relevant staff.

8. Partnership Working

CCO is working in partnership within its local health economy and with other Trusts as relevant as a tertiary provider.

9. Sentinel Surveillance System (Acute and Foundation Trusts Only)

Joanne Enstone, the system coordinator, has been given details of the contact person at CCO.

10. Antiviral Collection Points (PCTs only)
N/A

11. Local Pandemic Flu Service (PCTS only)
N/A

12. GP Support (PCTs only)
N/A

13. Additional Preparations
N/A

14. Summary
N/A