

# **SHEFFIELD LOCAL MEDICAL COMMITTEE**

# **NEWSFLASH**

## **SWINE FLU**

### **SHEFFIELD GP COLLABORATIVE REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL CAPACITY**

Sheffield LMC received a request from NHS Sheffield today to assist in attempts to increase capacity at Sheffield GP Collaborative.

All practices should have received a communication from NHS Sheffield on this issue earlier today.

The Collaborative has an established list of GPs on whom they call from time to time. However, activity was up 40% last weekend as a direct result of patients requiring information/presenting in relation to Swine Flu.

As a result, the Collaborative is calling for additional GP support. The LMC Executive would urge any GPs who are not on the Collaborative's list, who are willing to provide sessions, if required, to:

1. Contact the Collaborative on (0114) 3051423 or (0114) 3051414 in order to be placed on the Pandemic Standby List;
2. Provide the Collaborative with a contact telephone number and an indication of availability, ie times of day/night when work could be undertaken.

**Given the likelihood of a significant increase in activity this weekend, there is a pressing need for additional capacity to be identified today (19 June 2009).**

Thank you.