Briefly, our organisation developed a unique pandemic planning tool in conjunction with the HPA. We subsequently presented this to the DH together with the Emergency Planning Leads of the 10 SHAs. It was subsequently recommended by the DH that this software tool should be adopted by the SHAs and their PCTs. In the end only East of England SHA acquired the tool for all 900 of their GP practices. In other areas the recommendation was passed to the PCTs to action. In the end we supplied 42 PCTs representing approximately 3000 GP practices. They were the forward thinking PCTs! In so many others they had the attitude of “we’re not interested”. The hard facts are that most of the remaining PCTs at operational level were / are totally exposed. If it had been the H5N1 outbreak, they and the population would be facing a very serious situation.

If you require a more detail analysis I would be pleased to provide the information. As the WHO have stated that there is still a danger from H5N1 it means that there is a major gap in the contingency planning at GP / Pharmacy level.

Kind regards

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PCTs who have purchased iQ Pandemic Flu Planner

Total – 43 :

NHS Blackburn with Darwen
NHS Blackpool
NHS Bolton
Central & Eastern Cheshire PCT
NHS Halton & St Helens
NHS Warrington
NHS County Durham
NHS Kirklees
NHS East Lancashire
NHS Bedfordshire
NHS Cambridgeshire
NHS East & North Hertfordshire
NHS Great Yarmouth & Waveney
NHS Luton
NHS Mid Essex
NHS Norfolk
NHS North East Essex
NHS Peterborough
NHS South East Essex
NHS South West Essex
NHS Suffolk
NHS West Essex
NHS West Hertfordshire
NHS Heywood Middleton and Rochdale
NHS Knowsley
Liverpool PCT
City & Hackney PCT
NHS Greenwich
NHS Lewisham
NHS Redbridge
NHS Southwark
NHS Westminster
NHS Manchester
North Lancashire PCT
NHS Northamptonshire
NHS Southampton City
NHS Bath and North East Somerset
NHS Bristol
NHS North Somerset
NHS South Gloucestershire
NHS Tameside & Glossop
NHS Western Cheshire
NHS Borders