

H1N1: Answers to press queries

- 1) Number of attendances at A&E in April 2009
- 2) Number of attendances at A&E in June 2009

| St Peter's A&E Attendances | | | |
|----------------------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|
| Month | Adults | Paediatrics | Grand Total |
| Apr-09 | 5357 | 1810 | 7167 |
| May-09 | 5654 | 1976 | 7630 |
| Jun-09 | 5673 | 1837 | 7510 |
| Grand Total | 16684 | 5623 | 22307 |

The increase in attendances in May & June is partly attributable to patients presenting with symptoms of flu

- 3) Details of any special measures introduced to deal with swine flu patients in A&E, eg separate consultation areas, GP triage

Currently all adults and children arriving in A&E with symptoms of flu are triaged, fitted with a mask and directed to a separate waiting area. Patients are then assessed and treated in an identified assessment room which is cleaned between each consultation. Personal protective equipment is available to all staff when needed.

If the number of patients presenting with suspected Swine Flu increases beyond the capability of A&E a full Flu Plan is in place, including the provision of a separate and larger triage area.

- 4) Number of staff so far off sick with H1N1 or suspected H1N1

This information is not available.

- 5) Details of any special staffing measures taken to deal with increased demand/sickness absence due to H1N1? eg increase locum cover, cancel leave

Currently staffing levels are normal and therefore special measures are not required. If required in the future, however, a Business Continuity Plan is in place.

- 6) Number of critical care beds in the trust.

9 beds in Intensive Treatment Unit
4 beds in Medical High Dependency Unit

- 7) Number of paediatric critical care beds in the trust if applicable.

N/A – no paediatric critical care beds in the Trust