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SWINE FLU IMMUNISATION TO CONTINUE THROUGHOUT SPRING AND SUMMER

In line with Department of Health guidance, the H1N1 immunisation programme is to continue throughout spring and summer for front line and social care workers and people in the at risk groups.

Lt Col Hennessy, SO1 Health said: "Vaccination offers the best protection for people in the at risk groups. Vaccination helps to prevent complications and hospital admissions in potential future outbreak of the disease."

Unvaccinated individuals in the following group of people are encouraged to come forward to get the jab:

- a. Individuals over six months who would normally be in the at risk group for seasonal influenza
- b. People living in households with patients with compromised immune systems
- c. Front line health and social care workers
- d. Pregnant women

The vaccination of healthy children over the age of six months and under the age of five years is currently underway across BFG. Clinics have already taken place in the Rhine, Gütersloh and Paderborn Garrisons. The programme will be stopped after the last clinics have been held in Hohne Garrison which is in line with the UK vaccination programme for this group.

Immunisation of personnel deploying to Op HERRICK will also continue until the forthcoming major roulement in April/May.

Please contact your local medical centre to make an appointment.