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## **LATEST ADVICE ON GETTING TREATMENT IN NORTHERN IRELAND**

To avoid spreading the virus, people who think they have swine flu should stay at home and take simple measures to alleviate symptoms, and if they still are concerned, contact their GP. These are the current arrangements in Northern Ireland.

However, some patients from Northern Ireland have accessed the newly established National Pandemic Flu Service and have acquired an authorisation code for anti-viral medication. This service is only operational in England at this point in time. As a result, these authorisation codes cannot be used in Northern Ireland.

Anyone presenting such a code to a pharmacist will be advised to contact their GP or local Out of Hours service for an assessment.

As the current level of flu consultations in Northern Ireland remains relatively low, the present arrangements remain the best way to get treatment to all who need it quickly. Northern Ireland will be able to use the National Pandemic Flu Service if the need arises locally. This situation is being kept under constant review.

People can also go online for more information about their symptoms at [www.nidirect.gov.uk](http://www.nidirect.gov.uk) , or call the Swine Flu Information Line, 0800 1 513 513.

In addition the Northern Ireland swine flu helpline is available (9:00am to 5:00pm Monday to Friday) 0800 0514 1452.