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URGENT COMMUNICATION

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To: All General Practioners – Please ensure this message is seen by all Practice Nurses and non-principals working in your practice and retain a copy in your "Locum Information Pack"
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Date: 11 August 2006

Dear Colleague

LEGIONNAIRE'S DISEASE ASSOCIATED WITH A HOTEL IN DONEGAL

The Department has been alerted to a case of Legionnaire's disease diagnosed in mid July 2006 in a Northern Ireland resident, associated with stay at a hotel in Donegal.

Following further investigation showing a potential link to spa pool/jacuzzi facilities, the spa pool has been closed to the public as of today Friday 11 August and remedial actions are being taken.

Colleagues are requested to be vigilant with regard to cases of possible Legionnaire's disease that may be associated with travel to Donegal in the past three weeks.

For further information please contact:

Dr Neil Irvine
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Yours sincerely

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