

DEFINITIONS FOR THREAT LEVELS

Level 0: no active cases in the UK or Ireland. No known cases internationally or sporadic cases that are well controlled with little likelihood of international spread.

Level 1: Heightened threat. SARS cases in other countries and potential for transfer to UK/Ireland.

Level 2: sporadic imported cases(s) in UK/Republic of Ireland from affected areas outside UK/Ireland.

- Level 2A: sporadic imported case(s) (high suspect or probable definition) in hospital in Great Britain or the Republic of Ireland
- Level 2B: sporadic imported case(s) (high suspect or probable definition) in hospital or in home isolation in Northern Ireland

Level 3: one or more outbreaks of SARS within a hospital and/or limited community transmission within definable groups.

- A: outbreaks in GB/Ireland
- B: outbreaks in Northern Ireland

Level 4: Outbreaks of SARS with extensive community transmission.

- A: anywhere in GB/Ireland
- B: Northern Ireland

Level 5: *post outbreak and de-escalation of outbreak response.*