

Cyfarwyddwr Gweithrediadau,  
Cyfarwyddiaeth Gweithrediadau,  
Adran Iechyd a Gwasanaethau Cymdeithasol.

*Director of Operations,  
Directorate of Operations,  
Department of Health and Social Services.*



Llywodraeth Cynulliad Cymru  
Welsh Assembly Government

LHB CEO Designates  
Transition Directors  
Swine Flu Leads  
HoPMMs  
Trust Chief Pharmacists  
David Bailey, Chair, GPC Wales  
Dr Bridget Osborne, RCGP Chair  
Richard Lewis, Welsh Secretary, BMA  
Paul Gimson, Chief Executive Officer, CPW  
Jocelyn Parkes, Principle Policy Lead, RPSGB

17 July 2009

Dear Colleague

## **Primary Care engagement scheme in response to H1N1 Pandemic Influenza**

### **Key messages**

#### **Availability of antivirals through community pharmacies.**

- **Antivirals to be prescribed via WP10s**
- **Community pharmacies have stocks ready for issue on Monday 20 July**
- **Suspension only available from Hospital pharmacy or GP OOH and only available for those under 1 year**

The purpose of this letter is to draw your attention to the change to the collection mechanism for access to antiviral treatment. Local Health Boards have now engaged Community Pharmacy and distributed an initial bundle of antiviral stock to each pharmacy. The regulations have also been amended to enable antivirals to be prescribed on WP10 forms and dispensed in the normal way from Community Pharmacies. Local Health Boards may also have engaged Dispensing Doctors in this scheme.

This scheme will commence on Monday 20 July.

Please note that this excludes children under one year old for whom access to oseltamivir suspension remains through hospital pharmacy during office hours and GP Out of Hours



BUDDSODDWR MEWN POBL  
INVESTOR IN PEOPLE

Parc Cathays  
Caerdydd  
CF10 3NQ

Cathays Park  
Cardiff  
CF10 3NQ

Ffôn • Tel: 029 2082 5850  
GTN: 1208

Ffacs • Fax: 029 2082 3907

Ebost • Email: Simon.Dean@wales.gsi.gov.uk

providers at evenings and weekends. Supplies of the liquid preparation are only sufficient for treatment of this age group. All older children must be prescribed the appropriate capsule strength. Any patient who has difficulty in swallowing should be prescribed the appropriate capsule strength and given instructions to open the capsules and disperse the contents in a small volume of liquid such as fruit juice or sprinkle the contents on some food.

If you have any questions arising from the content of this letter or the attachments please contact the Emergency Coordination Centre Wales Health Desk on **02920 825708** or by email [ECCW-Health@wales.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:ECCW-Health@wales.gsi.gov.uk).

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Simon Dean', written over a light grey rectangular background.

**Simon Dean**  
**Director of Operations**