

Legionnaire's outbreak

A further death linked to the outbreak of Legionnaires' disease in Edinburgh was confirmed last night.

A man with significant pre-existing underlying health conditions died last night in Edinburgh Royal Infirmary.

Cabinet Secretary for Health and Wellbeing Nicola Sturgeon said:-

"My sincere condolences go to the family and friends of the patient who passed away in Edinburgh tonight in a case linked to the outbreak of Legionnaires' disease in the city. My thoughts are with them at this very difficult time.

"Despite this sad and tragic development, it remains the case that we believe the outbreak to have peaked. However, we continue to monitor the situation carefully and advise anyone with any concerns to contact the special NHS 24 helpline on **08000 85 85 31**.

"The Health and Safety Executive and Edinburgh City Council are continuing to make progress in their investigations into the possible source of the outbreak."

Dr Duncan McCormick, Chair of the Incident Management Team and Consultant in Public Health Medicine at NHS Lothian, said:-

"Whilst we realised that further deaths were a possibility this additional death is extremely sad and I would like to express my sincere condolences to the family of the patient."

There is a [page on the NHS Lothian website](#) with full information on Legionnaire's disease symptoms.