

Legionnaire's update

✘ *The overall number of cases either suspected or confirmed remains the same but one more person has been changed to 'confirmed' status.*

Reports into the Edinburgh Legionnaires' outbreak have shown that one suspected case has now been confirmed as having the illness.

This means the number of overall cases remains at 99. The total number of confirmed cases is now 51 and the number of suspected cases has dropped to 48.

At noon yesterday, of those cases being treated in hospital, one patient remains in intensive care and there are six on general wards.

A total of 20 cases are being treated in the community, 59 have been discharged from hospital and three people have sadly died.

Ten cases are being treated outwith the NHS Lothian area. The ages of the confirmed cases ranges between 32 and 85, with more males than females affected.

Investigations into the source and cause of the outbreak continue. Lothian and Borders Police and the Health and Safety Executive are jointly investigating the circumstances of the deaths under the direction of the Crown Office and Procurator Fiscal Service (COPFS) Health and Safety Division.

Health Secretary Nicola Sturgeon said:-

“Strong evidence continues to suggest that all cases are associated with the suspected period of exposure and that the outbreak has peaked.

“NHS Lothian are maintaining high quality care for patients

who remain unwell and work to identify and deal with the source of the outbreak continues.”