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REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL CAPACITY FOR NHS SHEFFIELD ANTIVIRAL COLLECTION POINT

NHS Sheffield, in anticipation of the National Pandemic Flu Line becoming active, are preparing to open an Antiviral Collection Point (ACP) at the South Yorkshire Afro-Caribbean centre on the Wicker, as a distribution centre for those who have been assessed by the National Pandemic Flu Line.

However, people may arrive at the ACP with 'flu like symptoms' and therefore will need to be assessed. To prepare for this, NHS Sheffield will require GP support.

Sheffield LMC has received a request from NHS Sheffield to assist in identifying GPs who could work as locums in the ACP from Thursday 23 July 2009 through to and including Monday 27th July 2009. The ACP will be open from 8 am – 8 pm and will consist of two shifts from 8 am - 2 pm and 2 pm - 8 pm.

The LMC Executive would urge any GPs who are willing to provide sessions to contact Lis Reid, Public Health, NHS Sheffield on (0114) 3051067 or 07866 418057 to state their availability.

More information about the ACP will be made available on the NHS Sheffield Website shortly.

Thank you.

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