

23 January 2020**Novel coronavirus (2019-nCoV)**

The Public Health Agency is keeping abreast of the changing situation around the Novel Coronavirus (2019-nCoV) and is liaising with partners across the UK including Public Health England and our local Health Trusts on this issue

As part of this, the health service here is monitoring for any potential cases of novel Coronavirus. Currently no cases have been diagnosed in Northern Ireland.

The risk to the UK population has been assessed as low. The risk to visitors to Wuhan is moderate, reflecting an increase in the number of cases being identified in China and evidence that the virus has limited spread from person to person. Individuals should seek medical attention if they develop respiratory symptoms within 14 days of visiting Wuhan, either in China or on their return to the UK. They should phone ahead before attending any health services and mention their recent travel to the city.

This is an evolving situation and we will provide updates and further guidance as required.