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# Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19): Local stakeholder information – Rutland

Today (27<sup>th</sup> March 2020) the UK Chief Medical Officer confirmed that 14,543 patients had tested positive for COVID-19 infection in the UK.

One of these cases is a resident of Rutland.

We will not be commenting further on the details of this particular case due to the need to protect patient confidentiality.

PHE and the NHS are well-prepared to deal with coronavirus and the priority is to safeguard local communities which sometimes involves taking preventative measures to help reduce the risk of further cases.

The UK is well prepared for these types of incidents and there is rapid and effective testing undertaken by PHE for this virus. The NHS has expert teams of highly-trained staff and specialist hospital units around the country ready to receive and care for any patients with any highly infectious disease. The NHS adheres to the highest safety standards for the protection of its staff, patients and the public.

Based on current evidence, Coronavirus COVID-19 presents with flu-like symptoms including a fever, a cough, or difficulty breathing. The current evidence is that most cases appear to be mild. Anyone who is concerned about health symptoms is advised to follow the advice about what to do on the [Government's website](#) and [nhs.uk](#).