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Although there have been no large scale incidences of Swine Flu in Sussex numbers of individual cases are now steadily increasing.

The Secretary of State for Health has now changed Britain's response to the current Swine flu outbreak from 'containment' into a 'treatment' phase. The spread of cases is now too great for investigation of contacts to be effective.

It was always clear that it was not going to be possible to contain or prevent the spread indefinitely.

It is important that businesses now review how they will cope if their business is affected due to reduced staff or difficulties in supply and distribution. Action taken now will help to reduce any impact in future. Controlling spread in the workplace will also help as it is estimated that up to 30% of employees may be affected. In small businesses with only a few employees this will have an even higher impact.

Specific advice to help businesses to cope is available from Businesslink, the governments main provider of advice to businesses. Just click on the link below.

http://www.businesslink.gov.uk/bdotg/action/detail?type=ONEOFFPAGE&itemId=1082470688&r.li=1082470975&atom_id=0.PR270942&r.lc=en&r.pp=11&r.pt=global&furlname=swineflu&furlparam=swineflu&ref=&domain=www.businesslink.gov.uk

There are also many useful links and general advice available on www.wealdenbusinesshelp.org.uk

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