

■ **A total of 14.6 million courses of oseltamivir [Tamiflu] are to be procured as part of the UK's planned preparedness for an influenza pandemic,** Health Secretary John Reid has announced. The oseltamivir courses will be delivered over the next two financial years, and will enable treatment for one in four UK individuals in the event of such an influenza pandemic, as recommended by WHO. The government's Pandemic Influenza Contingency Plan was published recently by Chief Medical Officer Sir Liam Donaldson, and sets out steps to be taken to prepare for a possible influenza pandemic.

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