Update on cluster of Influenza A cases in Queen Elizabeth Hospital

The following is issued on behalf of the Hospital Authority:

Regarding an earlier announcement on a cluster of patients infected with Influenza A in a female ward of the Department of Medicine, the spokesperson for Queen Elizabeth Hospital gave the following update today (January 21):

One more 51-year-old female patient in the ward presented with upper respiratory tract infection symptoms. A clinical test was arranged and the test result was positive for Influenza A. The patient concerned is being treated under isolation and is in stable condition.

Infection control measures have already been stepped up according to established guidelines. All other patients in the ward are under close surveillance.

The case has been reported to Hospital Authority Head Office and the Centre for Health Protection for necessary follow-up.