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HSBC says bird flu could hit half of staff

THE world's third largest bank has warned that up to half of its staff could fall ill from bird flu.

Planners at HSBC are preparing to cope with as little as 50 per cent of staff during a pandemic.

The warning came as health experts monitoring human bird flu were waiting to see if efforts would stop it spreading to the EU through Turkey.

Web links

- [Dept of Health - pandemic flu](#)
<http://www.dh.gov.uk/PolicyAndGuidance/EmergencyPlanning/PandemicFlu/fs/en>
- [WHO - Bird Flu fact sheet](#)
http://www.who.int/csr/don/2004_01_15/en/

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