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Hundreds quizzed over Legionnaires' Outbreak

Hundreds of people diagnosed with Legionnaires' disease have been questioned as part of an inquiry to investigate the Barrow outbreak, which killed 5 people this summer. The extensive inquiries are likely to be published at the beginning of December 2002. Final numbers of people infected with the pneumonia-type disease will be published in the report by the Outbreak Control Team.

This figure is likely to exceed the 146 confirmed [cases] as a result of additional retrospective blood testing carried out in the follow-up clinics at Furness General Hospital.

Consultant in Health Protection for Cumbria and Lancashire Dr. Nick Gent is still compiling details for the Outbreak Control Team's report into the Legionnaires' Disease outbreak. He said: "It's going to be about another 6 weeks before we complete the report. We're still awaiting quite a bit of follow-up work before we do all the statistics. It will probably be ready at the beginning of December."

The source of Britain's worst outbreak was traced to Forum 28 in Duke Street, Barrow, which is owned by the council. Health and Safety experts discovered the air-conditioning unit had been expelling contaminated vapor from 2 narrow vents into the alleyway used as a short-cut by up to 1000 people a day.

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