

The Management of Viral Haemorrhagic Fevers in Ireland

Consultation Process

4th, November – 16th December, 2011

The Viral Haemorrhagic Fever Subcommittee of the Scientific Advisory Committee of the Health Protection Surveillance Centre is developing updated guidelines for the early clinical and public health management of viral haemorrhagic fever (VHF) in Ireland. Stakeholders are now invited to comment on the provisional guideline recommendations, using the proforma below.

We would ask you to consider:

- points or areas that are not covered, but which appear to fall within the scope of the guideline
- potential inconsistencies or any disagreement with your interpretation of the evidence
- the practical value of the provisional guideline recommendations
- the usefulness of the VHF section of the HPSC website (<http://www.hpsc.ie/hpsc/A-Z/Vectorborne/ViralHaemorrhagicFever/>)
- the proposed arrangements for the local and national outbreak control teams.

How to submit your comments:

Please complete the proforma below electronically and return by email to vhf.consultation@mailx.hse.ie

The final date for submission of comments is 16th December, 2011.

What will happen to your comments:

- All comments will be reviewed by the Viral Haemorrhagic Fever Subcommittee of the HPSC at the end of the consultation period
- Comments will be acknowledged by the Viral Haemorrhagic Fever Subcommittee

Example

Chapter	Section, Page	Comment
	<i>General</i>	<i>Overall this guidance will be very helpful to clinicians although some ... example comment.</i>
<i>Chapter 1</i>	<i>Section 1.9, page 23</i>	<i>The guideline highlights throughout the document where there are gaps in the evidence to support clinical practice. Although these areas are in the main text of the document, it would be helpful if there could be an additional section at the end of each chapter with areas where further research would be helpful. This would support the research agenda and maximise resources. ... example comment.</i>
<i>Chapter 3</i>	<i>Section 3.4, page 40</i>	<i>Whilst we agree in principle with ... example comment.</i>
<i>Appendix I</i>	<i>Section F, page 107</i>	<i>Section F – this needs to include ... example comment.</i>