# Guidance on Management of Outbreaks of Sexually Transmitted Infections

# Consultation Process

# May 25th – August 24th 2015

The Sexually Transmitted Infections (STI) guidelines development group, a subgroup of the HPSC Outbreak Subcommittee of the HPSC Scientific Advisory Committee, is developing a guideline on the management of outbreaks of sexually transmitted infections. The guidance is intended to form an appendix to the overall outbreak guidance document, which is currently in development. It can also be used as a standalone document.

The guideline is available on the HPSC website [**here**](http://www.hpsc.ie/AboutHPSC/ScientificCommittees/Sub-CommitteesofHPSCSAC/OutbreakSub-Committee/). Stakeholders are now invited to comment on the provisional guideline recommendations, using the proforma below.

**We would ask you to consider:**

* the generic descriptions of the roles and responsibilities of members of the Outbreak Control Team in Section 5, page 6.
* 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

**How to submit your comments**:

Please complete the proforma below electronically and return by email to [sticonsultation@hpsc.ie](mailto:sticonsultation@hpsc.ie)

**The final date for submission of comments is August 24th 2015**

**What will happen to your comments?**

* All comments will be reviewed by the STI guidelines development subgroup of the Sub-Committee of the HPSC at the end of the consultation period
* Comments will be acknowledged by the subgroup secretariat.

**Example**

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| **Chapter** | **Section, Page** | **Comment** |
|  | *General* | *Overall this guidance will be very helpful to clinicians although some ... example comment.* |
| *Chapter 1* | *Section 1.9, page 23* | *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.* |
| *Chapter 3* | *Section 3.4, page 40* | *Whilst we agree in principle with ... example comment.* |
| *Appendix I* | *Section F, page 107* | *Section F – this needs to include ... example comment.* |
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