

SYPHILIS

Cork & Kerry



September 2019

Nationally

69%

There has been a 69% increase in number of SYPHILIS cases reported Jan-Aug 2019 compared to Jan-Aug 2018



Jan-Aug 2019

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173%

equivalent increase (15 vs 41)

Increase in cases across all age groups and both genders

12%

15-24 Years
(n=5)

54%

25-34 Years
(n=22)

17%

35-44 Years
(n=7)

15%

45-54 Years
(n=6)

Mode of transmission was known for 85% of cases

MSM



66%

Heterosexual Female



14%

Heterosexual Male



17%

Other



3%

Follow link for [HPSC website - Syphilis](#)

Public Health Message

How do I get syphilis?

- skin-to-skin contact or coming into direct contact with a syphilis sore
- unprotected oral, vaginal and anal sex (sex without a condom)
- mother-to-child during pregnancy (congenital syphilis)
- a blood transfusion (although this is very unlikely in Ireland as all blood donors are tested)

Where can I get tested?

If you have had unprotected sex or are worried about having an STI the HSE provides STI clinics where you can get tested and be advised **free of charge** at the locations below

Preventing syphilis?

Using condoms correctly and every time you have sex will reduce your risk of an STI, including syphilis.

HSE STI Clinics Cork & Kerry

South Infirmary Victoria University Hospital,
Old Blackrock Road, **Cork**

021 496 6844

Youth Health Service, Penrose House, Penrose Quay,
Cork City (sexual health & counselling service for
young people aged 23 and under)

076 108 4150

University Hospital **Kerry**, Tralee

021 496 6844

Consent

Consent is where there is free and voluntary agreement to engage in a sexual act with someone else. It is a crime to engage in a sexual act with someone who has not given consent.

Further information

www.sexualwellbeing.ie