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# **New Adventures in Surveillance, Electronic Health Record –Sexually Transmitted Diseases (EHR-STI)**



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## Surveillance is **information** for **action**

**Timely high quality electronic surveillance data is essential to inform**

- Health service planning
- National public health policy
- Public awareness
- European and Global Public Health Policy – TESSy reporting/WHO reporting



**EHR-STI Proof of concept project** – inform design and development of national Outbreak Case and Incident Management and Surveillance system, (**OCIMS**) which is being implemented in 2025-2026.

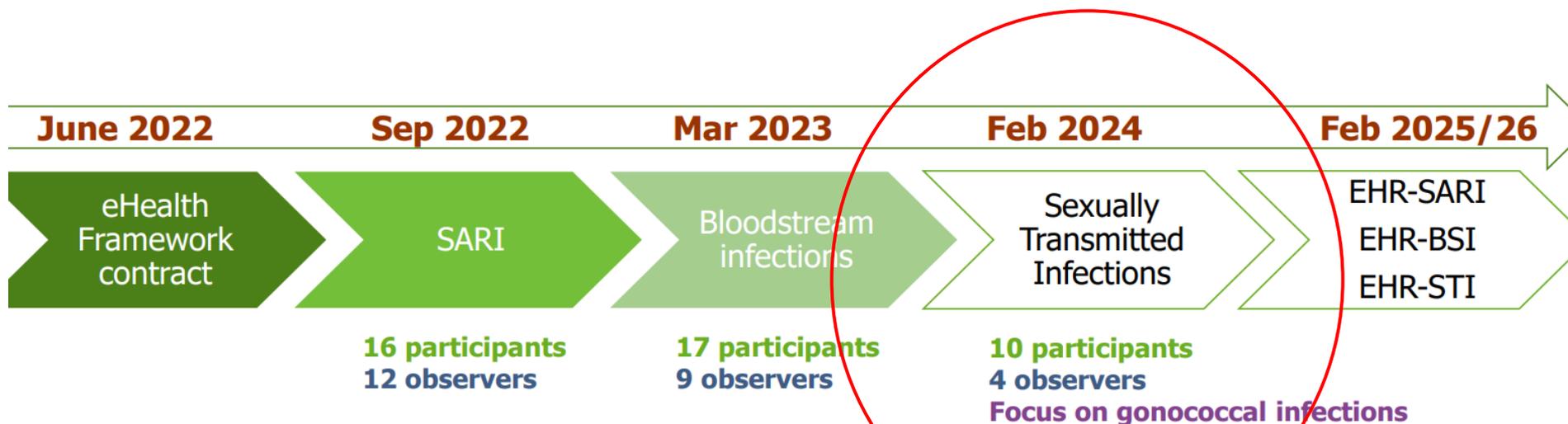




# Electronic Health Record – Sexually Transmitted Infections (EHR-STI)

## ECDC eHealth programme – SUREHD project

Design and implementation of multinational surveillance systems using routinely collected electronic health records in EU/EEA



External contractor:

**E-SURE consortium** (Epiconcept, SSI-DK, INSA-PT, NIVEL-NL)

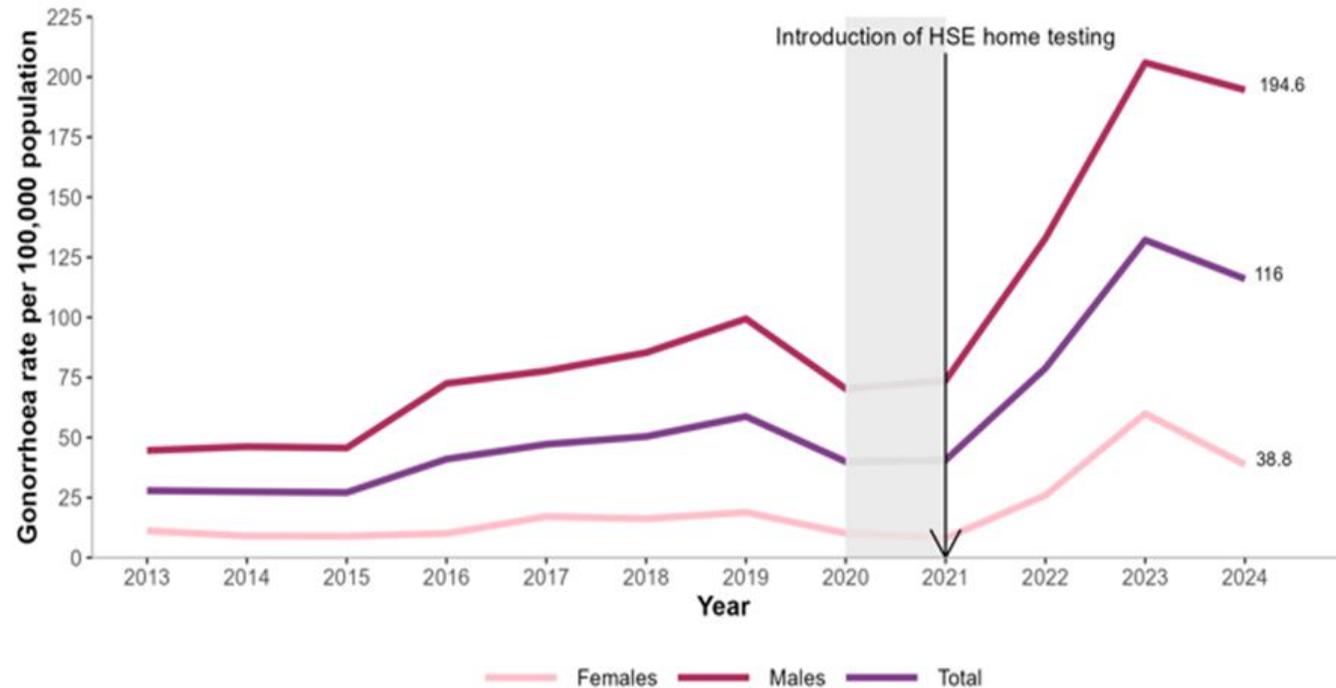


ECDC is assisting countries to develop and/or expand electronic surveillance systems.





# Trend in gonorrhoea notification rates by gender- in Ireland



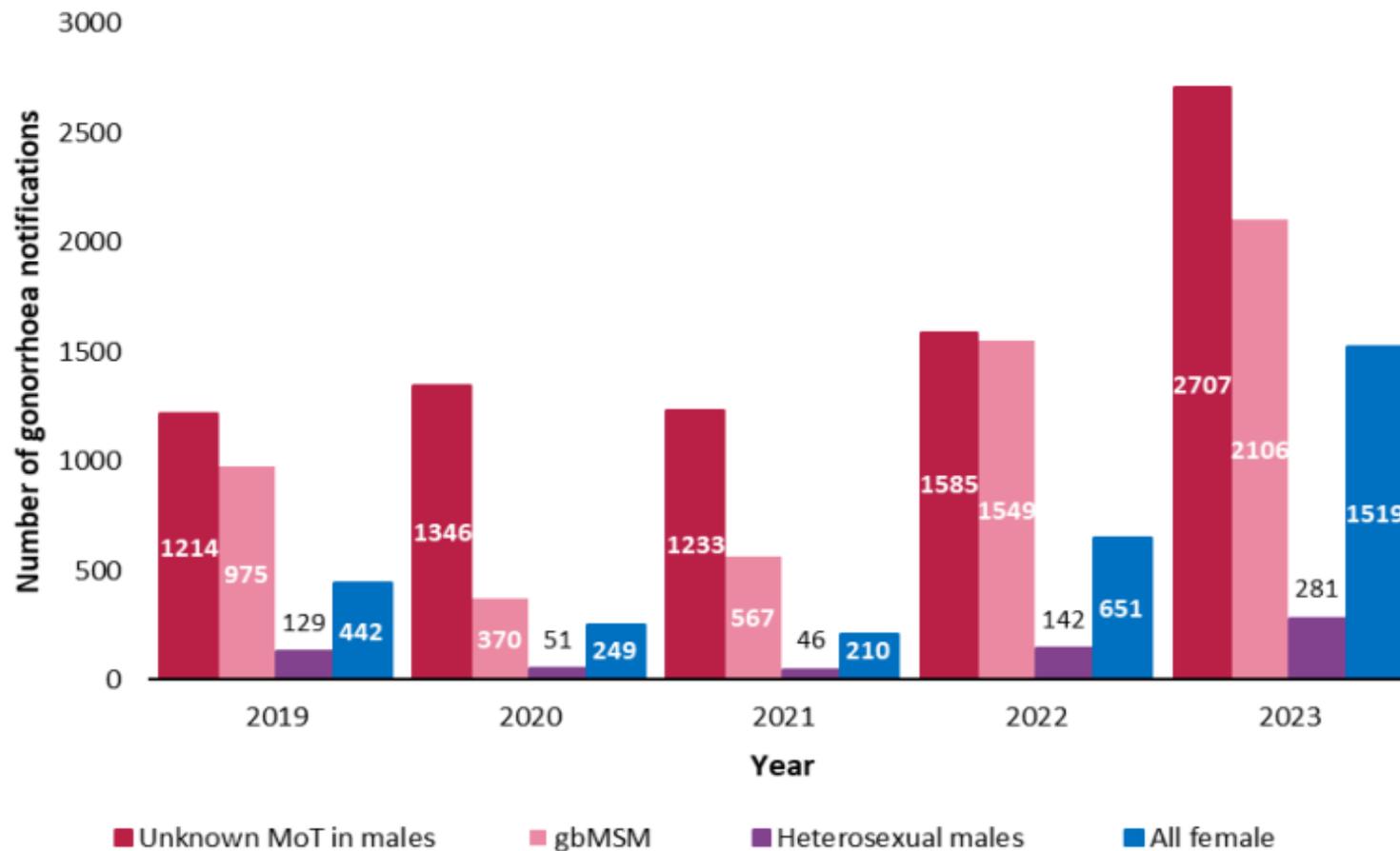
**Figure 1:** Gonorrhoea notification rates by gender, 2013 – 2024 in Ireland





# Trend in gonorrhoea notification rates by risk group

- Mode of transmission (MoT) is known for 48% of male cases in 2023
- Where MoT is known, gbMSM account for 84% of male cases in 2023
- Without behavioural data it is difficult to interpret and respond to trends



**Figure 2:** Number of gonorrhoea notifications in gbMSM, heterosexual males, unknown MoT in males and all females aged 18 years and over





## EHR-STI Project – Proof of Concept

Obtain electronic extracts of behavioural and clinical data from electronic system in one STI clinic

**Merge STI clinic data with laboratory data** (within clinic system or externally)

Agree core STI clinic surveillance dataset - to inform OCIMS design for electronic STI surveillance

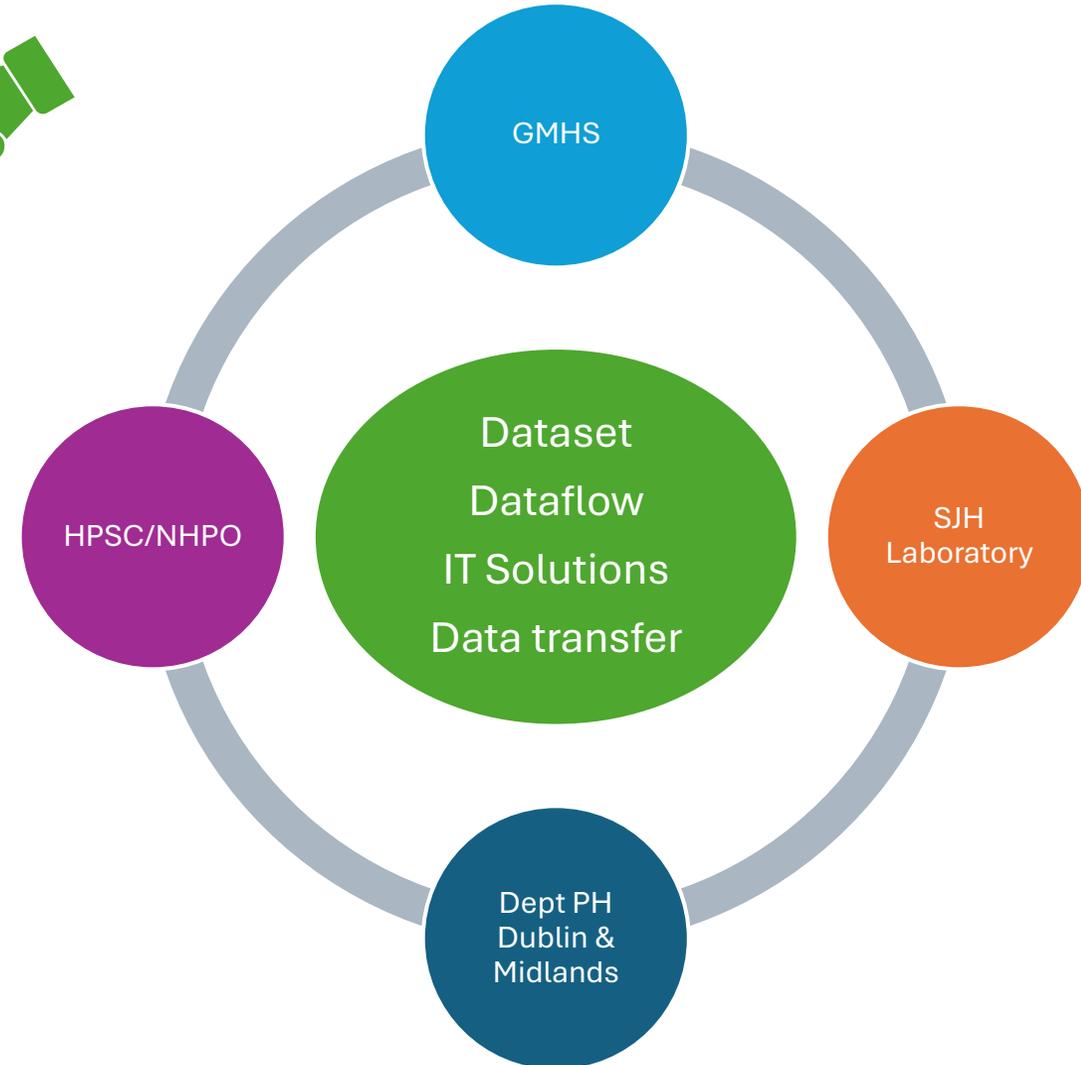




# EHR-STI Project Ireland –Progress to date



- ❖ **Identified STI Clinic – GMHS**
- ❖ **Set-up multidisciplinary steering group**
- ❖ **Identified the dataset for collection**
- ❖ **Described the dataflow**
- ❖ **Developed IT solutions to extract clinical data, and combine with laboratory data**
- ❖ **Identified secure system for data transfer**
- ❖ **Deploy IT Solutions – ongoing**
- ❖ **Data Collection – Quarter 2 2025**



Reporting – Quarter 3 2025



## Demographic

Sex assigned at birth  
Gender identity  
Country of birth  
Ethnicity  
County of residence

## Behavioural

Mode of transmission  
Type of partner (same, opposite sex etc)  
In last 3 months

- Number partners
- Condom use
- Chemsex, recreational drugs

Sex work in the last 12 months

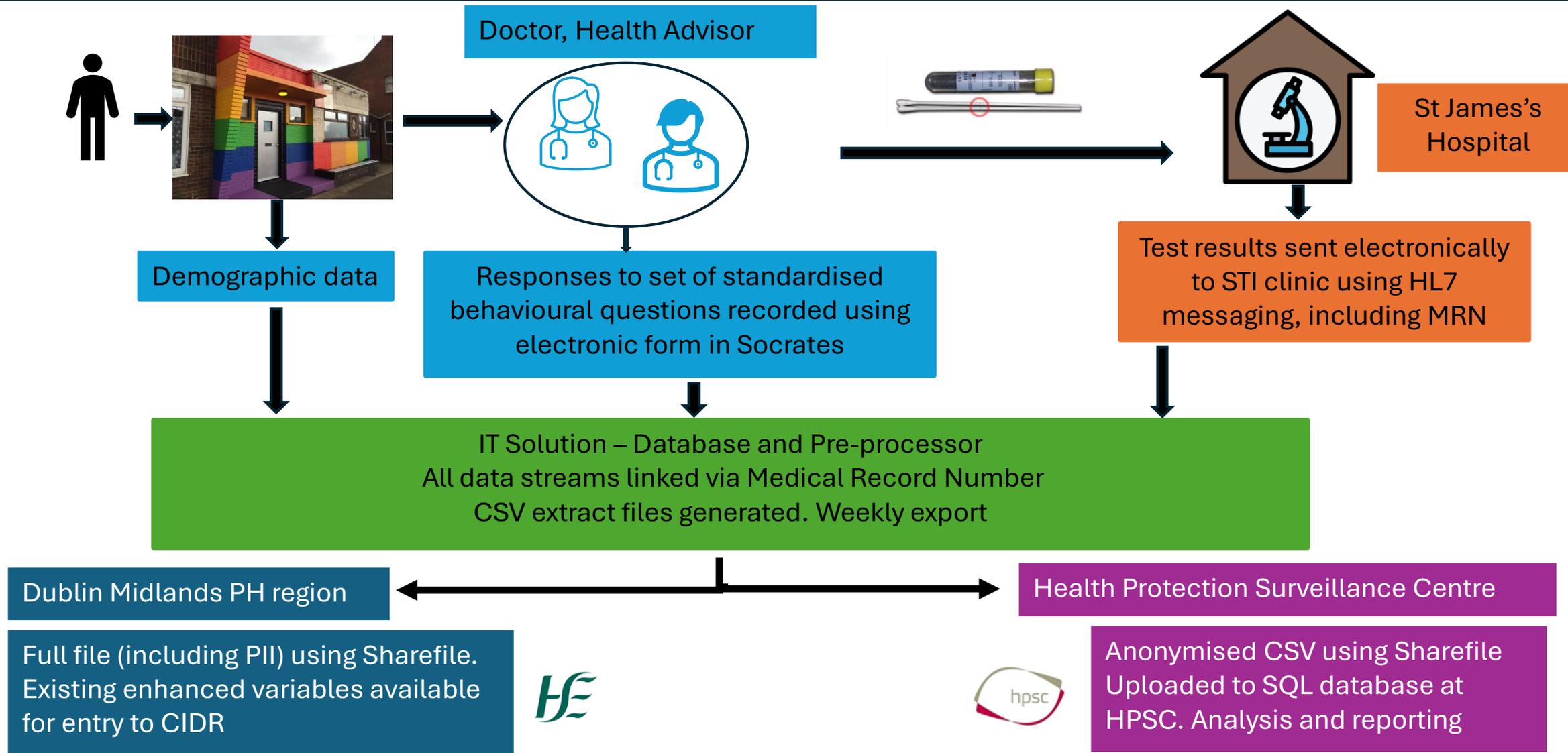
## Clinical

Co-infection  
Re-infection  
Symptomatic/asymptomatic  
Living with HIV  
On PrEP if HIV negative  
Using doxy PEP  
Antibiotic treatment  
ICD10 code

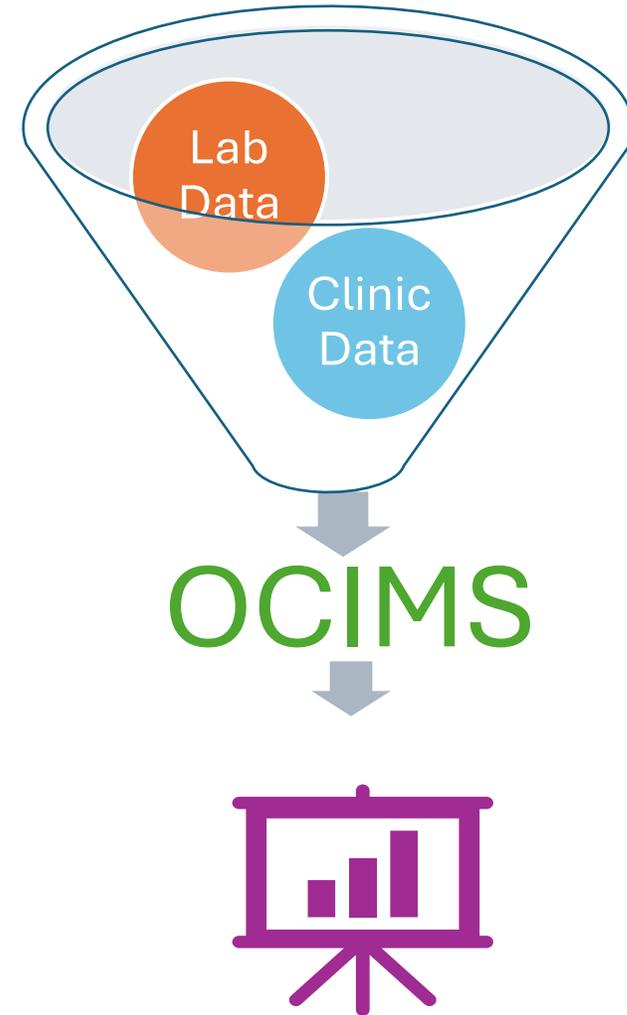


Questions on pregnancy and hormonal contraception will be added for clinics with cis-female patients.





- Collect behavioural data for other STI's including syphilis chlamydia and LGV from GMHS
- Use the agreed dataset for collection of behavioural data from other STI services and electronically up-load to OCIMS
- Behavioural data from STI's clinics would be linked to laboratory data in OCIMS
- Data to be analysed and incorporated into national surveillance



- **Current Situation**

- Gonorrhoea surveillance in Ireland is timely and comprehensive – limited enhanced data
- Without behavioural data it is difficult to interpret and respond to trends



- **EHR-STI Project**

- Working together a dataset was developed, dataflow was described, IT Solution created, and data transfer method identified
- Deploying IT solutions, data collection due to start in Q2 first reports in Q3 2025



- **Future**

- Additional work will be needed to upload behavioural data from STI clinics to OCIMS and link behavioural and laboratory data, and incorporate into national surveillance



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