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Sustaining Confidentiality - A HIV Cluster

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ABSTRACT

In January 2001, the Isle of Man GUM Health Advisor became aware of a potential HIV problem, when contacted by her equivalent in Liverpool, identifying an individual linked to two HIV patients there.

A heterosexual HIV cluster began to emerge, centred around a particularly small populated area in the Island.

STI? s had increased dramatically in the preceding 12 months, so a campaign to educate and inform the public commenced. Shortly afterwards the press were alerted by a third party as to the location of the HIV cluster and the media headlines proclaimed "*Town Rocked by HIV Alert*".

This presentation will follow the path, politics and publicity to date of this unusual outbreak.