

# Operational guidance on rapid risk assessment methodology

## SHPN guide to using the UK guidelines

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## Overview

This Scottish Health Protection Network (SHPN) guide should be used alongside the UK guidance that it relates to.

This guide covers ECDC 'Operational guidance on rapid risk assessment methodology'.

This UK guidance has been approved for use in Scotland by the SHPN Guidance Group (SHPN-GG).

## Intended audience

This guidance is for health protection professionals only.

Other people who require advice should contact their local health protection team.

## What the guidance covers

This guideline develops a methodology for rapid risk assessments undertaken in the initial stages of an event or incident of potential public health concern.

It describes an operational tool to facilitate rapid risk assessments for communicable disease incidents at both Member State and European level.

# SHPN recommendations

The following are recommendations from the SHPN-GG for using this guidance in Scotland.

The ECDC risk assessment guidance is approved as being acceptable for use in Scotland on the basis that it is to be used for the following:

- The rapid risk assessment of emerging infections where the evidence base is still evolving.

## View the UK guidelines

When using this guidance, remember to check whether the recommendations for use in Scotland provided by SHPN have been updated.

[View ECDC rapid risk assessment guidelines](#)

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