of Irish women traveling overseas for abortions in the past two years. There are six births each in Cork and Kerry to underage mothers aged under 13.

A 700pc increase in the treatment of viral STDs as genital warts since 85.

An ongoing spiral in HIV diagnosis with new cases now shifting from drug users to the heterosexual population.

The SHB now aims to invest £5m over the next 10 years in an education and treatment campaign focusing on all aspects of sexual health as one of the top public health threats in cities such as London and Birmingham - has soared in the SHB area from just four new cases in 1985 to 65 last year.

Attendances at Cork’s STD clinics have surged from 909 in 1990 to 5,068 last year.

The latest figures indicate that a total of 6,500 Irish women will go abroad for abortions this year.

The new strategy will be formally submitted at the SHB’s board meeting next Monday with a funding request to Health Minister, Micheal Martin.

Mum jailed for £360,000 sting on BT

A MOTHER of two who fleeced her employer, British Telecom, of more than £360,000 was jailed yesterday for three years while her husband was freed on compassionate grounds to look after their children.

The 37-year-old cashier, Heather Moyna, could also face an extra two years in jail unless she can come up with £90,000 in reparation within the year.

Belfast Crown Court heard that Moyna, from Greerspark Heights, Newtownbreda, Belfast, had diverted wads of cash from her register into her handbag over a two-year period.

IN BRIEF

Oyster festival’s £5m boost

GALWAY’S 47th International Oyster Festival takes place this weekend.

Over 100,000 oysters will be consumed by visitors and Galwegians over the next two days, with the event regenerating a late season boost of more than £5m to the area’s tourism industry.

Dig flushed with ancient success

A £6.5m SEWAGE scheme has yielded a rich vein of archaeological treasures, tentatively dated from the early Bronze Age of 5,000BC to 1,500BC.

The scheme at Castleconnell, Co Limerick has unearthed four ancient cooking places, three hut sites, a furnace and four human burial sites as well as nine other pits, stone axes and flints.

Report name

THE Environmental Protection Agency report published yesterday is called Phosphorus Regulations National Implementation Report, 2001 and not Water Quality in Ireland as reported yesterday.