# HEADLICE MANAGEMENT CHART

**Comb wet hair using
a fine-toothed detector comb
at least once a week**

**Health
Protection
Agency**

**Check family and
friends for headlice**

**If LIVE LICE are found**

**If NO live lice
NO ACTION**
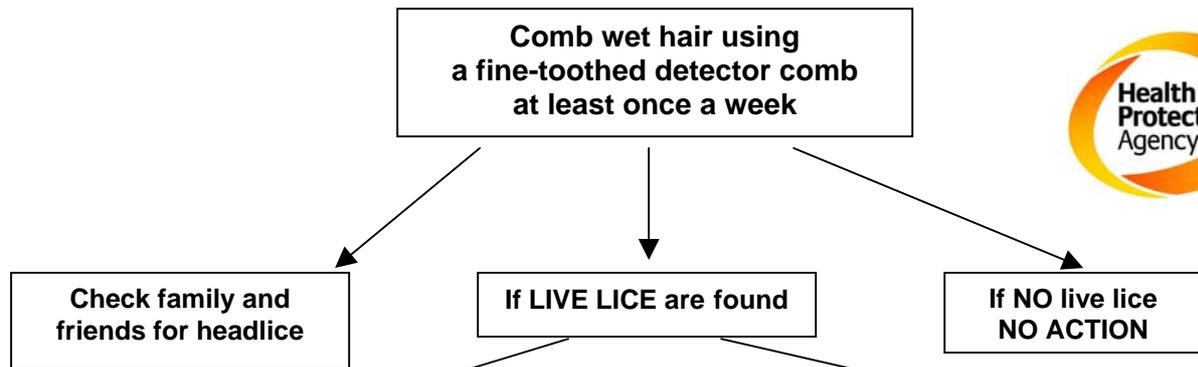
**Treatment Option One:
WET COMBING**

- **Wash the hair in the normal way with an ordinary shampoo**

- **While the hair is very wet, comb through the hair from the roots with a fine-toothed comb**

- **Make sure the teeth of the comb slot into the hair at the roots with every stroke.**

  **This should be done over a pale surface, such as a paper towel or the bath**

- **Repeat this routine every day for two weeks, so that any lice emerging from the eggs are removed they can be spread**

**Treatment Option Two:
INSECTICIDES**

- **Check with your pharmacist, GP or School Nurse which preparations are recommended**

- **Follow the manufacturer's instructions carefully**

- **After treatment and whilst the hair is still wet, a fine-toothed comb may be used to remove dead lice**

- **It could take up to 24 hours for lice to die, so do not assume the treatment has not worked**

- **To ensure treatment has been successful, detection combing on wet hair should be carried out on all treated persons three times over the next seven days**

- **REPEAT treatment on the SEVENTH DAY whether or not lice are found**

- **Small lice means that the eggs were not affected by the first treatment. A repeat treatment will kill the baby lice before they can lay more eggs**

- **Large lice means that the head has been re-infested – so contact tracing and the treatment cycle will have to be restarted**

**AFTER SUCCESSFUL TREATMENT:**

**Comb wet hair using a
fine-toothed comb at least
Once a week**

**IF TREATMENT NOT SUCCESSFULFUL**

**IF LARGE LICE FOUND:
Check family and friends
for Headlice**

**IF SMALL LICE FOUND:
Use Treatment One**

**ACTION:
Repeat treatments**

**If treatment Option One used previously use Treatment Option Two**

**If treatment Option Two used previously use Treatment Option One**