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## Sexual Health Service Update Shropshire Sexual Health Services *Winter 2020/21*

### Services over Christmas

Sexual health services will be closed on bank holidays over the Christmas and New Year period. This includes phone lines and our clinical services.

Phone lines and clinics will close at 4pm on Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve.

Find Christmas opening times, and more service information, on our website:  
[www.openclinic.org.uk](http://www.openclinic.org.uk)

If you're signposting someone to pharmacies for emergency hormonal contraception (EHC) over Christmas/New Year, please advise them to call the pharmacy in advance to ensure the pharmacy is open and the correct person is available to dispense the EHC.



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### Sexual Health Services during COVID-19 – Latest Information

Please read below information regarding our services:

- Face-to-face services in clinics continue to be by appointment only (strictly no walk-ins)
- All service users must call the sexual health team on 0300 123 0994 in the first instance
- Appointments will be prioritised according to clinical need.
- Service users may be offered contraception or treatment via post, or signposted to use online STI testing kits (see below for more info).



Find the latest service information on our website  
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## Resources section on website

We have a new section on our website, which allows you to download copies of our posters.

We currently have:

- Online STI testing kit posters
- Sexual health posters (signposting to our website and social media)
- C-Card posters for registration venues
- C-Card posters for distribution venues

Visit [openclinic.org.uk/resources](https://openclinic.org.uk/resources) to view and download the posters.



## Reminder: Online testing in Shropshire now provided by Preventx

Online STI testing services in Shropshire are now provided by Preventx.

People in Shropshire aged 16+ can order a free STI testing kit online at: [www.sh.uk](http://www.sh.uk). These are postal kits only, kits will not be available to pick up from clinic at the current time.

The kits can test for chlamydia, gonorrhoea, HIV and syphilis, tests will be suggested for service users by sh.uk after they fill in some basic details.

If you would like to promote online testing at your venue, email [SexualHealthComms@mpft.nhs.uk](mailto:SexualHealthComms@mpft.nhs.uk) and we can send you a poster to print, or visit the resources section of our website, as mentioned above.



## Referrals information

To refer into service for SARC's and C-Card paperwork returns, please email:

[Shropshire.sexualhealth@nhs.net](mailto:Shropshire.sexualhealth@nhs.net)

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Shropshire Sexual Health Services

0300 123 0994

[openclinic.org.uk](https://openclinic.org.uk)

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