

Stoke-on-Trent and North Staffordshire Sexual Health Team

Sexual Health Service Update

Winter 2020/21

Services over Christmas

Sexual health services will be closed over 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

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.



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 7900 165 in the first instance (please inform patients that phone lines are very busy).
- 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).
- Free condoms are available to pick up from the entrance of the sexual health clinic at Cobridge Community Health Centre.



Find the latest service information on our website www.openclinic.org.uk

SH:24 postcards

People in Stoke-on-Trent and Staffordshire who are aged 16+ can order a free and confidential STI testing kit online.

The kit can test for chlamydia, gonorrhoea, syphilis and HIV. The tests can be taken by service users at home, and are free to post back.

If you would like some postcards to promote these kits (see photos to right) please email us on sexualhealthorders@mpft.nhs.uk with the number of postcards you'd like, and your name and address.

People can order a kit at sh24.org.uk



Resources section on website

We have a new section on our website, which allows you to download copies of our posters, leaflets and some other resources.

We currently have:

- Sexual health posters (signposting to our website and social media)
- Consent poster
- C-Card posters for registration and distribution venues
- C-Card registration and distribution forms
- Map of C-Card registration and Distribution venues (a list can also be found on the C-Card webpage openclinic.org.uk/ccard)
- ...and more!



Visit openclinic.org.uk/resources to view and download the posters.

C-Card Reminder

Please return paperwork on a monthly basis to our C-Card administrator:
SexualHealthOrders@mpft.nhs.uk

To place an order for more resources, please email us on SexualHealthOrders@mpft.nhs.uk
(There may be a longer delay than usual with orders due to reduce in office-based working)

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