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Sexual Health Service Update Shropshire Sexual Health Services Spring 2022

Services update

Sexual health clinics are still continuing to run an appointment only service. Restoration is continuing in line with government and MPFT guidance.

All service users are advised to call the team on **0300 404 2996** in the first instance, for advice on how to access the service they require. This may be a clinic appointment, a self-testing kit which can be ordered online, or a telephone consultation.

If you are signposting service users to call sexual health, please advise them that services are in high demand, and phone lines may be busy. You can also direct them to our [website](#).



PrEP update

PrEP (pre-exposure prophylaxis) is a drug which is taken by HIV-negative people before and after sex, which reduces the risk of them becoming infected with HIV.

We have been promoting availability of PrEP from our sexual health services via our social media channels so please like and share.

PrEP is available for free from our sexual health clinics, to people who meet the required criteria.

If a service user or patient asks about the availability of PrEP, please ask them to call our sexual health service on **0300 404 2996** to discuss PrEP, and for an assessment of the suitability of PrEP.



Services over Easter

Sexual health services will be closed on bank holidays over Easter; Good Friday (15th April) and Easter Monday (18th April). This includes phone lines and our clinical services.

Normal service will resume on Easter Saturday (16th April).

If you're signposting someone to pharmacies for emergency hormonal contraception (EHC) over Easter, 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.

All the latest service information can be found on our website, www.openclinic.org.uk



Order your free poster to advertise the C-Card

The C-Card scheme gives young people aged 13-24 quick and easy access to free condoms. We regularly promote the C-card through all our communications channels and would be grateful if you can display our poster at your venue to keep promoting within your setting. If you would like a copy of this poster please email our marketing and comms team: SexualHealthComms@mpft.nhs.uk

If you have any questions about the C-Card, or would like to enquire about becoming a registration or distribution point, please contact Shropshire.SexualHealth@nhs.net with CDS in the subject title.



Website reminder

All the latest sexual health service information can be found on our website, www.openclinic.org.uk.

This includes:

- Clinic information
- C-Card information and list of venues
- Contraception overview and FPA leaflets
- STIs overview and FPA leaflets
- Links to order STI testing kits online (ages 16+)
- Resources

Please feel free to include a link to our website on your website, so service users can easily access sexual health service information.



Referrals information

To refer someone into service from Sexual Assault Referral Centres or to submit C-Card paperwork returns, please email:

Shropshire.sexualhealth@nhs.net

 Open Clinic NHS  @openclinicnhs  @OpenClinicNHS

Shropshire Sexual Health Services
0300 404 2996 | openclinic.org.uk

For more information on anything within this newsletter, or if you'd like to see anything included, please email SexualHealthComms@mpft.nhs.uk