

OpenClinic

Sexual Health Services in Stoke-on-Trent, Staffordshire, Shropshire and Telford & Wrekin

Spring 2025

Welcome to our latest quarterly newsletter, this issue features information on:

- Upcoming Clinic Closures
- New Resources
- Young People's Clinics in Stafford and Burton
- New Ludlow Clinic
- New Service Finder
- Find us on Social Media!

Upcoming Clinic Closures

Closures on 28th March

Due to technical system updates, clinics and phone lines will be closed from 12pm on the afternoon of 28th March. Phone lines will re-open on Monday 31st March 2025 at 8:30am.

Easter Bank Holidays

Our clinics and phone lines will be closed on the bank holidays over Easter (Friday 18th and Monday 21st April). Clinics which usually run on a Saturday will operate as usual on Saturday 19th April.



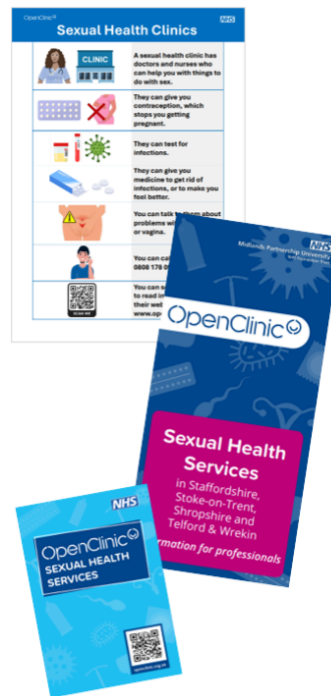
New Resources

We have a number of new resources available, including:

Easy read leaflet: A resource covering what sex is, STIs, contraception and sexual health clinics with basic language and images. [Download this on our website.](#)

Service information leaflet: A small leaflet *which we include in our condom packs) with a basic overview of a number of local sexual health services. We have recently updated this and had a reprint, email SexualHealthComms@mpft.nhs.uk to request some.

Information leaflet for professionals: This is an existing resource with information about our services for professionals, so they feel confident signposting to our services. We have recently updated this and had a reprint. Download it on our website or email SexualHealthComms@mpft.nhs.uk if you'd like printed versions.



We also have translated resources in the works, so check the [Resources section of the website](#) soon!

New Clinic in Ludlow

We have started a new clinic at Ludlow Youth Centre, which takes place once a month.

The clinic offers contraception (excluding coils), STI testing and emergency contraception.

Find information on this clinic, and dates on our website at openclinic.org.uk/ludlow.



Young People's Clinics in Stafford and Burton

In South Staffordshire, we have walk-in clinics specifically for people aged under 18, offering contraception, STI testing and treatment, emergency contraception and sexual health information and advice.

Stafford Clinic: Tuesday from 3:30-6:30pm

Branston Clinic: Wednesday from 3:30-6:30pm

If you work with young people near these areas, please let them know about the clinics. We have a poster and screen graphic to promote each clinic; if you would like one emailed you to, please contact us on SexualHealthComms@mpft.nhs.uk.



New Service Finder

We have a new feature on our website, where people can find the nearest C-Card and emergency contraception venues by entering their postcode.

We also have lots of useful information on our website, including:

- Downloadable resources for professionals
- Contraception overview and links to further reading
- Overview of different STIs and links to information leaflets
- Clinic opening times

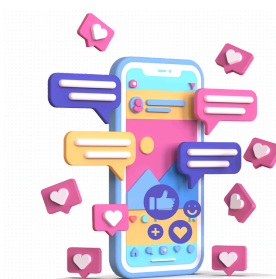
Visit www.openclinic.org.uk to take a look!



Find us on Social Media!

We regularly share service updates as well as sexual health tips, information and advice on our social media channels!

We encourage all local organisations to like our page on Facebook ([Open Clinic NHS](#)) and follow us on X ([@OpenClinicNHS](#)) and Instagram ([@openclinicnhs](#)).



C-Card Reminder

C-Card paperwork must be returned by the 5th of the month, to one of the following email addresses:

Stoke-on-Trent and North Staffordshire: SexualHealthOrders@mpft.nhs.uk

South Staffordshire: SexualHealthPrevention@mpft.nhs.uk

Shropshire: SexualHealth.Shropshire@mpft.nhs.uk

Telford: Telford.Prevention@mpft.nhs.uk

There is no longer an upper age limit to C-Card; it is available to people aged 13+ in all areas.

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