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## Sexual Health Service Update South Staffordshire Sexual Health Services Winter 2021-22

### 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 124 5022 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 124 5022** to discuss PrEP, and for an assessment of the suitability of PrEP.



### Extending Hep C Testing

Open Clinic has been working with Leicester Sexual Health in a funded pilot project on behalf of NHS England to raise awareness of Hepatitis C risk factors, transmission, testing and treatment. The pilot is promoting and encouraging people to test for Hep C and can be done as part of routine STI testing. We are pleased to announce that the pilot is now running until March 2022.

Test kits are also available online through [www.sh24.org.uk](http://www.sh24.org.uk)

For more information on Hep C visit the Hep C U Later website: [www.hepculater.com](http://www.hepculater.com)



## Christmas Clinic Closures

Clinics will be closed on the bank holidays of 27th and 28th December and 3rd January.  
Usual clinic open times from 29<sup>th</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup> January.

Please sign post service users to our website for general information, [SH:24](#) for STI testing kits, or to consult their GPs or in an emergency call 111

*Our website will display clinic closures for each area.*



## Website reminder

All the latest sexual health service information can be found on our website, [www.openclinic.org.uk](http://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.



## C-Card Reminder

Please return paperwork monthly to [mpftprevention@nhs.net](mailto:mpftprevention@nhs.net) ensuring C-Card number, date and visit number are clearly recorded

Please remind anyone whose C-Card is almost full to get in touch with the Sexual Health Prevention Team for a new one

Email: [mpftprevention@nhs.net](mailto:mpftprevention@nhs.net)

Phone: 0300 124 5022 (option 4)

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