

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

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Sexual Health Week

Sexual Health Week runs from 15th-21st September, and this year's theme, set by Brook, is "[Chronically Online](#)".

For many of us, digital technology has become a familiar part of how we navigate relationships and manage our wellbeing. Apps are often the default when it comes to dating, and when we need an STI test, we're just as likely to go online as we are to visit a clinic.

Throughout the week, Brook will be looking at how RSE can empower young people to think critically about the content they consume. They will also be exploring how integrating digital and face-to-face sexual health services can help address health inequalities.

We will be sharing related content throughout the week, on our [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#) accounts.



Clinic Updates

South Staffordshire walk-in clinic times extended

Some of our walk-in clinic opening times have recently been extended.

- Tuesday's walk-in at Stafford runs 12:30-4:30pm (*young people's clinic will remain running from 3:30-6:30pm*)
- Wednesday's walk-in at Branston runs 12:30-4:30pm (*young people's clinic will remain running from 3:30-6:30pm*)

Cobridge walk-in clinic 5pm closing time

Please be aware that our Cobridge walk-in clinic now closes at 5pm on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday.

Severn Fields fortnightly Saturday clinic has recommenced

Our appointment clinic at Severn Fields which runs on Saturdays has recommenced, after being unavailable for a few months. The clinic runs from 8am-4pm, and the coming dates are listed [on our website](#).

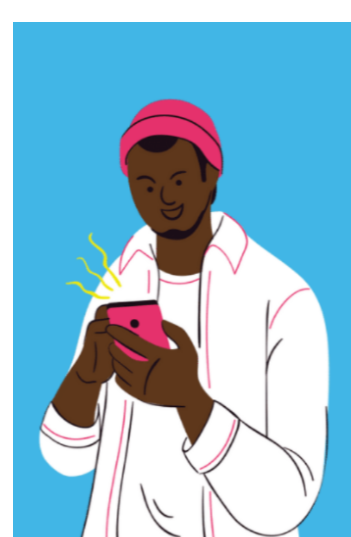


Results Soon To Be Available via PHR

Results from STI testing at our services will soon be available online, via a patient's Personal Health Record (PHR). This new feature is planned go live from 15th September.

Please remind patients that the email address and phone number they provide during registration will be linked to their patient record, so they **must be their personal contact details** and not those of a friend or family member.

People can sign up for a PHR account on the [Online Booking](#) page of our website.



Our Team at Freshers and Welcome Week Events

Our Sexual Health Promotion Team will be at education venues across Stoke-on-Trent, Staffordshire, Shropshire and Telford & Wrekin throughout September, offering students the opportunity to sign for a C-Card, and providing them with chance to ask questions about local sexual health services. A full list of places the team will be is available on [the blog area of our website](#).



Gonorrhoea Vaccine Update

It has recently been widely reported in the media that the Meningococcal B vaccine for protection against Gonorrhoea is becoming available from sexual health clinics.

Please be aware that our clinics will be vaccinating patients attending clinics as part of their routine care. **Specific eligibility criteria must be met for vaccination.** The focus for these vaccines is for gay, bisexual, or other men who have sex with men who have multiple sexual partners, attend sex on premises venues, or engage in group sex. We will identify patients attending our clinics who meet the eligibility criteria to be offered the vaccine.

We will update the [Latest Service Information](#) page of our website with any updates on the vaccination.



HIV Treatment and Care Video

We have a new video about our HIV Treatment and Care service!

The video features members of our friendly team and covers some basic information about what the HIV Treatment and Care Team do, and what people can expect when they use the service.

Watch it on the HIV Treatment and Care page of our website: [www.openclinic.org.uk/hiv](#).



Promotion Team Update

We've had some changes to our Promotion Team. Trudi Barker, Senior Project Worker for South Staffordshire, has now retired, and Megan Brock, will be Senior Project Worker across all areas. We will also be welcoming two new Project Workers to the team shortly!

Megan is happy for professionals to contact her directly on Megan.Brock3@mpft.nhs.uk to discuss any Promotion activity, or you can contact the area specific Project Workers on the email addresses below.

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

South Staffordshire: SexualHealthPrevention@mpft.nhs.uk

Shropshire: SexualHealth.Shropshire@mpft.nhs.uk

Telford & Wrekin: Telford.Prevention@mpft.nhs.uk



Online Services Reminder

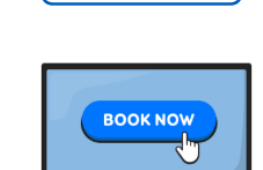
We have various sexual health services available to people online.

These include:

STI testing kits – The kits come in plain packaging and fit through a letterbox. STI testing kits can be ordered via [our website](#).

Condoms with C-Card – People aged 16+, can [register for a C-Card online on our website](#). Those under 16 need to register at a physical venue.

Online booking - Booking for clinic appointments is available for those who sign up for a [Personal Health Record \(PHR\) account, via our website](#).



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.