

HOW CAN WE HELP?

We can test for Chlamydia and gonorrhoea.

We can provide treatment for Chlamydia and make arrangements for you to get treatment for Gonorrhoea.

This is a confidential service.

At your assessment, you will be asked to complete a 'Disclosure form' which will inform us of any-one or any organization that you wish us to disclose to.

Unless you inform us otherwise, we are a completely confidential service, and will not pass any information about you to anyone.

The exceptions to this rule are when a staff member has reason-able grounds to believe that client is a danger to themselves, to others or to the community at large, or if a child is at risk.

WE OFFER:

- Hepatitis C testing
- Hepatitis B testing
- HIV testing
- Hepatitis B vaccinations
- Depo Provera injections
- Sexual Health Testing

WE ALSO OFFER ADVICE ON:

- Contraception
- Sexual health
- Wound care
- Oral care
- Nutrition
- Other health issues

Talk to your nurse or keyworker if you are interested in this service



GDAS

GWENT DRUG AND
ALCOHOL SERVICE

SEXUAL HEALTH TESTING SERVICE



GDAS

GWENT DRUG AND
ALCOHOL SERVICE

WHAT IS CHLAMYDIA AND GONORRHEA?

Chlamydia is one of the most common sexually transmitted infections. It is a bacterial infection that can be found in semen and vaginal fluids.

Gonorrhea is a sexually transmitted infection that can affect the penis, vagina, rectum and throat. It is the second most common sexually transmitted infection in the UK. It can be easily diagnosed but can cause serious problems if not treated.

If you have had sex without using a condom you should get tested

It can be passed on during vaginal, oral or anal sex and sharing sex toys. It can live inside the cervix (neck of the womb), the urethra, and rectum (bottom)

WHAT ARE THE SYMPTOMS?

Chlamydia is also known as a 'silent infection' because some people don't have any signs. Symptoms can appear between one and three weeks after coming into contact with the infection and can happen many months later when the infection spreads to other parts of the body.

WOMEN MAY NOTICE:

- Unusual vaginal discharge
- Bleeding between periods or after having sex
- Pain when having sex or when passing urine
- Lower abdominal (stomach) pains

MEN MAY NOTICE:

- A white or cloudy, watery discharge from the penis.
- Pain when passing urine or painful testicles

Gonorrhea may not show any symptoms, especially in women. But if untreated can cause:

- Pelvic inflammatory disease in women
- Infertility – unable to have children
- Ectopic pregnancy - when the baby grows outside the womb which can be life threatening
- Swollen testicles in men
- painful, swollen joints
- Meningitis (inflammation of the brain)
- Septicemia (Blood poisoning)

MEN MAY NOTICE:

- A green or yellow smelly discharge
- Pain or tingling passing urine
- Itching or discharge from the anus (back passage)
- Lower stomach pains
- Swollen testicles
- In the eyes it can cause redness and itching

Chlamydia can be treated successfully with a single tablet called Azithromycin which can be given if you are pregnant or breast-feeding. Do not have sex for a week after taking the antibiotic or if you have symptoms wait until they are gone. The same will apply for your partner.

Gonorrhea Treatment is simple and given as a tablet, liquid or injection.

Once treated, it will not re-occur unless you have unprotected sex with a person who has gonorrhea. **This is why partners need to get treated as well** which stops you getting re-infected.

We can arrange for you to be treated at your local GUM clinic.

You can protect yourself against gonorrhea by using latex condoms when you have sex.

