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ATTENTION ALL MEN IN BIRMINGHAM!

'Men's Health Week June 15-21 2009'

If you've been watching the news over the last few days you can't have missed that it's Men's Health Week. The theme this year is making healthcare more accessible for men.

The team at www.sexualhealthbirmingham.co.uk has responded to this by making Men's Sexual Health services easier to access than ever. The new website is one of the best ways for busy men to find out more on our services. You can:

- Make an online booking for a check-up
- Find out where and when our clinics are (including evenings)
- Order free condoms
- Find out more on men's sexual health including: sexually transmitted infections, testing, treatment and prevention

Steve Taylor, Consultant in Sexual Health and HIV at Birmingham Heartlands Hospital says: 'Sexual health checks have never been simpler or easier to access. So, whatever age you are, whether you have symptoms or just need some reassurance – our friendly team is here to help and advise you.'

Notes to editors

Facts: about 10% of sexually active young men in the West Midlands (Source: Health Protection Agency) have Chlamydia, an STI which often has no symptoms, but can lead to infertility in both men and women.

For Further Information please see www.sexualhealthbirmingham.co.uk

Or www.BASHH.org (British Association of Sexual Health and HIV)

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Sexually Transmitted Diseases in the West Midland and the UK

STD Diagnosis at GUM clinics in the West Midlands 2007

Source: Health protection Agency

STI	Diagnosis All	Diagnosis Men
Syphilis (primary and secondary)	320	260

Gonorrhoea (uncomplicated)	1,676	1,048
Chlamydia (uncomplicated)	9,079	4,508
Herpes (first attack)	1,808	722
Genital Warts (first attack)	6,402	3,290
HIV	256	160

STD diagnoses at GUM (genitourinary medicine) clinics in the UK: 1998-2007¹

Source: Health Protection Agency

Year	<u>Syphilis</u> (primary and secondary)	<u>Gonorrhoea</u> (uncomplicated)	<u>Chlamydia</u> (uncomplicated)	<u>Herpes</u> (first attack)	<u>Genital Warts</u> (first attack)	All new diagnoses
1998	139	13,212	48,726	17,248	70,291	244,282
1999	223	16,470	56,991	17,509	71,748	261,406
2000	342	21,800	68,332	17,823	71,317	284,035
2001	753	23,705	76,515	18,944	73,458	303,169
2002	1,257	25,591	87,588	19,438	74,969	324,170
2003	1,652	24,973	96,159	19,233	76,599	346,168
2004	2,283	22,326	104,739	19,073	80,059	363,289
2005	2,721	19,248	109,418	19,830	81,201	368,258
2006	2,684	18,898	113,783	21,797	83,624	375,843
2007	2,680	18,710	121,986	26,062	89,838	397,990
% change (2006-2007)	0%	-1%	7%	20%	7%	6%
%	1,828%	42%	150%	51%	28%	63%

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HIV – Further UK Statistics

http://www.hpa.org.uk/web/HPAweb&HPAwebStandard/HPAweb_C/1201767906753

- An estimated 77,400 people were living with HIV in the UK at the end of 2007, of whom over a quarter (28%) were unaware of their infection.
- During 2007 there were 7734 new diagnoses of HIV, a similarly high figure to the diagnoses made in each of the previous four years.
- New HIV diagnoses among men who have sex with men continue to increase and over four-fifths of these infections were probably acquired in the UK.
- The estimated number of people infected through heterosexual contact within the UK has increased from 540 new diagnoses in 2003 to 960 in 2007, and has doubled, from 11% to 23%, as a proportion of all heterosexual diagnoses during this period.
- Almost a third (31%) of persons newly diagnosed with HIV were diagnosed late, that is at a point after which therapy should have begun (CD4 cell count less than 200 per mm³).
- Seventy percent of the 56,556 persons seen for HIV care were receiving anti-retroviral therapy. Almost one in five HIV-infected persons with severe immunosuppression, however, were not on treatment.
- Uptake of HIV testing in genitourinary medicine and antenatal clinic settings reached 75% and 94%, respectively.