

B-clear Chlamydia Screening Programme:

Chlamydia Trachomatis is a bacterial infection; it is the most common sexually transmitted infection of its type in England and Wales. The infection often has no symptoms.



Untreated genital Chlamydia infection can have serious long term consequences including fertility problems for both men and women.

B-clear is an opportunistic screening programme aimed at young people aged 15-24 year old living in Staffordshire.

A simple self-taken test and completing a form is all that is required. Clients have a choice of how they receive their test result including text messaging.

Treatment is free to all clients and their contacts.

Young people who are sexually active are encouraged to take the test at least once a year or, when they have put themselves at risk of contracting the infection. Risk factors include sex without a condom, change of partners and those who have contracted the infection in the past. (Evidence shows that positive clients are at high risk of re-infection).

Clients can access screening by:

- Attending Integrated Sexual Health Clinics
- CASH Clinics - (formerly Family Planning Clinics).
- Online postal testing service via web-site: www.b-clear.org.uk
- Schools, Colleges and Universities
- Accessing mobile screening clinic at several sites in the local community (venues appear on Facebook)

Pharmacy can be proactive in promoting the screening programme and signposting young people by:

- Supplying appropriate contact/access details to clients presenting in pharmacy.
- Generic leaflet that gives detail on how to access screening website etc
- Integrated Sexual Health Clinic details/leaflet.
- Offer all clients accessing EHC comprehensive information and the importance of getting tested.
- Opportunistic discussion, with clients in the target group (ages 15 to 24 years).

Contact B-clear for further advice/information on 0800 032 0899

National web-site: www.thisischlamydia.co.uk this site is good quality evidence based information that is regularly updated by the National Team.