

What to expect during
your visit to DOSH...

Helping us to help you



female patients



**Making use of the Department of
Sexual Health at Homerton Hospital**

Welcome to DOSH

This leaflet explains what to expect when you come to the clinic. DOSH is located behind the main hospital building at Homerton Hospital, Homerton Row, London E9 6SR.

**When you enter the clinic –
Please check in at the reception desk.**

On arrival, you will be asked some basic questions – all information you give us will be treated in the strictest confidence. Once you have checked in you will be asked to wait in one of our waiting rooms.

If you are attending one of our walk-in clinics, these can get very busy. Please be patient with us. You will be seen as soon as possible.

Sometimes people may appear to be seen out of turn as we run specialist appointment clinics alongside our walk-in service. We will make every effort to see you as quickly as possible.

A doctor, nurse or health adviser will call you into the consulting room and ask you about your reason for attending the clinic. This will include some questions about your sexual partners.

If an examination is necessary, a chaperone is available upon request.

If you do not understand anything during the discussion or examination, please ask a member of staff.

We will ask you some questions

Do you have any of these problems?

- A burning pain when you pass urine
- A discharge or unusual smell from your vagina or anus
- Irregular or late period. Bleeding between periods or bleeding after sex
- Ulcers on the vagina or anus
- A lump, bump or rash on your vagina or anus
- A pain in your abdomen or pain during sex
- Worries about the appearance of your vagina or anus
- Concerned you may have been exposed to a sexually transmitted infection in the past 72 hours

IF NO to all of the above...

You will be given:

- a swab test for Gonorrhoea and Chlamydia and Trichomonas
- a blood test for Syphilis and HIV

IF YES to any of the above

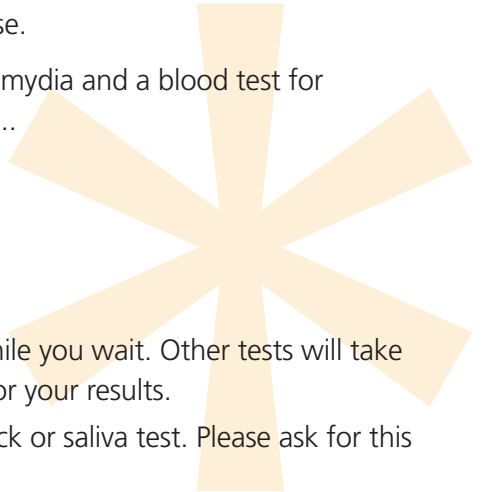
You will be examined by a doctor or nurse.

As well as a test for Gonorrhoea and Chlamydia and a blood test for Syphilis and HIV, other tests may include...

- A swab from the vagina or anus
- Blood test for Hepatitis B/C
- Pregnancy tests
- Cervical smear

For some tests we can provide results while you wait. Other tests will take longer and you will be asked to phone for your results.

The rapid HIV test is done by a finger prick or saliva test. Please ask for this if you prefer.



Have you ever...

- Had sex with a man who you know is at high risk of HIV?
- Injected drugs?
- Paid or received money for sex?

Please let us know if yes to any of these questions as you may need other tests.

Are you ready for a baby?

- When was the first day of your last period?
- Are your periods regular, do you have period pains?
- What contraception do you use? (except condoms)
- Have you read our contraception leaflet? (available at reception).

We carry out a pregnancy test and will give you the result almost immediately.

Do you:

- Need support to talk to your partner(s) or deal with a new diagnosis? Please to speak to a health adviser.
- Want more information about contraception? Ask at reception and you will be given a leaflet.
- Need a translator? Please ask at reception.



Results of tests are available on: 020 8510 5948

Please ensure you have your clinic number available to access results. Results are usually available after a week but can take up to two weeks.

We may need to contact you, so make sure we have your phone number.