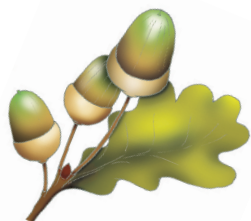


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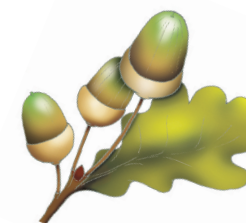
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The Acorn Service

Sexual health advice and
screening for people
with learning disabilities

Information for parents,
carers and professionals.

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What is the Acorn Service?

It is a dedicated, easy access service for people with learning disabilities. We offer screening for sexually transmitted infections, contraception and information around sex and relationships. Free condoms and lubricant are available.

Why is Sexual Health Screening important?

Sexually transmitted infections are very common. Often people with an infection have no signs or symptoms. We can test for these infections with a simple urine and blood test. Treatment is easy and straightforward to take.

Where can I go for Contraception?

In Wandsworth we offer a wide range of different contraceptive methods, including long-acting implants. If contraception is needed, please call and ask for an appointment with the Acorn Service.

Where is it based?

The Acorn Service is part of the Courtyard Clinic for Sexual Health at St George's Hospital, Blackshaw Road, Tooting, SW17 0QT. The nearest tube station is Tooting Broadway.

Does the patient have to pay or live in a particular area?

No, our service is free and open to everyone.

Is an appointment necessary?

It is always best to call in advance so we can offer the best possible service. However, anyone can attend the walk-in service and they will be seen.

How can I refer someone to the service?

Patients can refer themselves or can be referred by GPs, family members, carers, case workers and social workers with the patient's consent. Call a Health Adviser on 020 8725 3342 and ask for an appointment with the Acorn Service.

Can someone accompany the patient to the clinic?

Yes, but we will always check with the patient if they are happy to have the accompanying person in the room with them when they are being asked about their sexual history.

How long will the patient be in the clinic?

A sexual health check-up, including consultation and tests, can take up to 2 hours.

How will the patient get their results?

Usually, we will ask the patient to return in person for their results in one week. Some results may be available on the day. We always discuss with the patient the most suitable way to receive results.

Will everything the patient tells the clinic be confidential?

We maintain strict rules of confidentiality and generally would not pass on any information without consent. Sometimes if we have concerns for the health, safety or welfare of the patient we may need to discuss our concerns with other professionals.

Does the patient have to give their contact details?

It is important we have a name, address and telephone number so that we can get in touch if needed.

If you would like to discuss this service further or if you have any questions, please contact a Health Adviser on 020 8725 3342