

Chlamydia is the most commonly diagnosed sexually transmitted infection in the UK. You or your partner can have Chlamydia and not have any symptoms, so it is very important that you have a test.

What is Chlamydia?

Chlamydia is a sexually transmitted infection (STI) caused by a bacteria.

Chlamydia can affect both men and women. 70% of women infected with chlamydia don't know it. 50% of men infected with chlamydia don't know it.

Most people won't have any obvious signs or symptoms or only get mild symptoms which they don't notice. Most people won't know they have the infection.

If left untreated, chlamydia may cause longer term health problems including infertility (not being able to have a baby), and pain, especially in the abdomen, the area below your belly button.

How do I get tested and where do I go?

If you are 15 to 24 years old all you have to do is 'pee in a pot' – a quick urine test.

To get a test, all you need to do ask at reception and you will be advised of the procedure in confidence. They will help you complete the forms and send off the samples.

Chlamydia is the most commonly diagnosed STI in the UK. It's most common in men and women under 25 years old. Chlamydia is known as the 'silent' infection because most people who have it show no symptoms. Without a test you probably won't know that anything is wrong.

How is chlamydia treated?

The most common treatment for chlamydia is a course of antibiotics.

We actively encourage under 25s to be screened for chlamydia.

For further information please visit www.chlamydia-screening.nhs.uk