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Standards for the management of sexually transmitted infections (STIs)

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New ***Standards for the management of sexually transmitted infections (STIs)*** are now available to support the commissioning and provision of high quality care for STIs across all settings.

With increasing numbers of primary and community healthcare providers playing a role, alongside GUM clinics, in the management of STIs, these standards bring together for the first time the key elements of best practice that people seeking help in relation to STIs are entitled to expect, whichever service they choose to attend. They provide a framework for monitoring performance which covers the core principles of STI care, staff training, clinical assessment and management, diagnostics, information governance, links to other services, clinical governance and the engagement of patients and the public. The effective management of STIs, as specified in the standards, will improve health outcomes for individuals, protect the broader public health and contain costs to the NHS.

Your guide to the Standards for the management of sexually transmitted infections (STIs), a leaflet for service users outlining what the standards mean for them, is also available in pdf form to be printed out locally and displayed in clinics and other relevant venues. (It should be printed on A3, double-sided, and folded to create an A4 leaflet.) There is a web-friendly version of the leaflet for display online.

The standards were produced by the Medical Foundation for AIDS & Sexual Health (MedFASH) for and with the British Association for Sexual Health and HIV (BASHH).

The Department of Health, PCT commissioners and a range of other organisations were actively involved in the development of the standards and the leaflet. The standards are formally endorsed by the leading relevant professional bodies: the Royal College of Physicians, the Royal College of General Practitioners, the Royal College of Nursing, the Health Protection Agency, the Faculty of Sexual and Reproductive Healthcare, the Royal Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain, the Society of Sexual Health Advisers and the Genito-Urinary Nurses Association.

The ***Standards for the management of sexually transmitted infections (STIs)*** and the leaflet for service users, ***Your guide to the Standards for the management of sexually transmitted infections (STIs)***, are available to download from www.medfash.org.uk or www.bashh.org.