

INFORMATION FOR SEX WORKERS ONLY

Sexually Transmissible Infections (STIs), Blood Borne Viruses (BBVs) & Other Infections

Some common abbreviations:

STI = Sexually Transmissible Infection

BBV's = Blood-borne Viruses

HCV = Hepatitis C Virus

HIV = Human Immuno-deficiency Virus

HBV = Hepatitis B Virus

HSV II = Herpes Simplex Type 2 (Genital Herpes)

HSV I = Herpes Simplex Type 1 (Cold sores)

HPV = Human Papilloma Virus (Genital warts)

Type of Infection	Condoms/Dams protect	Diagnosis made by	Routine Screening recommended
BBV – STI HBV HIV	Yes Yes	Blood test	Yes
Bacterial Infections Gonorrhoea Chlamydia Syphilis	Yes Yes Yes	Swab Swab Blood test	Yes Yes yes
Viral skin to skin infections HSV II HSV I HPV Molluscum	No No No No	Swab & blood test Swab & Blood test Visual & pap smear Visual	No No Regular paps No
Fungal/Yeast Thrush Gardnerella or Bacterial Vaginosis	No No	Swab Swab	Yes Yes
Other viral infections Hepatitis A (transmitted oral-faecal route) HCV (transmitted blood to blood) Hepatitis B (Sexually transmitted & blood to blood)	Yes Yes Yes	Blood test Blood test Blood test	No No *Yes *(vaccination recommended)
Parasite Pubic Lice (crabs) Trichomoniasis Scabies	No Yes No	Visual Swab Visual	No No No

Due to frequent washing and sex, sex workers are more susceptible to the following conditions: candida, bacterial vaginosis and vulval dermatitis.

It is recommended that you have regular check ups with the sexual health doctor or nurse of your choice.

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