

DO YOU KNOW YOUR HIV STATUS?

Rapid HIV Tests

- results within 30 minutes
- private
- confidential
- quick
- accurate

Ask at GOSHH
for more information

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To make your appointment,
please contact us:

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Rapid HIV Testing

Your guide to GOSHH

Rapid HIV Testing Service

What is a rapid HIV test?

A Rapid HIV Test is a quick test for HIV. You will receive your test result within 30 minutes of arriving for your test.

How does a rapid HIV test work?

There are two ways to take a Rapid HIV Test. One is by using a small amount of blood, the other, with a small amount of saliva (spit).

Do you have to use a needle?

We do not take blood using a needle and syringe. We use a quick pin prick on the end of your finger. You may be able to choose to have the saliva (spit) test done instead.

Will anyone know about my rapid HIV test result?

Before you have your test, we will explain about our referral process. You will be asked to sign a consent form.

If your result is negative, we will tell no-one.

If your result is reactive, we will tell the local HIV consultant.

Apart from that, your test is completely confidential to you.

How do I book an appointment?

If you want to book a Rapid HIV Test with us then all you need to do is contact us using one of the options on the back of this leaflet. Appointments can be made outside of office hours if necessary.



How much does it cost?

We are not funded to provide these tests so unfortunately we must charge for them. We have a sliding scale, so when you are booking your appointment this will be discussed. If you cannot afford anything, we can tell you other places to get tested for HIV for free, and provide support you to go and get tested there if you wish. Sometimes we are able to provide tests for free. We usually advertise these days through social media, our website and the local newspapers.

Should I test for HIV?

Only you know if you may have been at risk from HIV. Before you test we will ask you some questions, in private, to find out if you need a HIV test or not.

Should I get a rapid HIV test?

We always recommend that people use the local Sexually Transmitted Infection (STI) clinic to get tested for HIV because it is completely free and confidential.



A full sexual health screen tests for more than HIV, it tests for many other sexually transmitted infections as well. If you have been at risk from HIV, then there is a possibility you have been at risk from other STIs.

If, for some reason, you do not wish to test at the local STI clinic, then a rapid HIV test may be suitable for you. Talk to anyone at GOSHH to find out all your options for testing for HIV.

Vision Statement:

“Our vision is to create an environment where the mental, emotional, physical, and social wellbeing of everyone is promoted and sexual rights are respected, protected, and fulfilled”.