

Press Release

NHS Trust launches new sexual health campaign for Freshers' Week

Worcestershire Health and Care NHS is urging new students to get tested at their closest sexual health clinic for free and confidential advice about sexual health if they are concerned that they may have put themselves at risk of a Sexually Transmitted Infection (STI) or need emergency contraception.

Kate Wilson, Health Promotion Specialist at Worcestershire Health and Care NHS Trust, said:

“Whether you’re a Fresher student or you are going back to university, Freshers’ week is an exciting time and being away from home can bring a certain sense of freedom. Whilst Freshers’ Week lasts only a few days, STIs such as herpes can last a lifetime. This campaign is about encouraging students to stay safe while having fun and enjoying this new sense of freedom.”

The Trust runs services from seven sites across the county as well as their Time 4U service which caters for young people under 21, based in schools and community settings. Services can be found at a number of colleges across Worcestershire including the University of Worcester.

They provide contraception, emergency contraception, Chlamydia testing, STI testing and treatment, free condoms, pregnancy testing, sexual health advice, pregnancy advice and pregnancy counselling.

To find the services closest to you, please visit www.playinitsafe.co.uk or call 0800 783 2936.

Worcestershire Health and Care NHS Trust will be at the University of Worcester’s Freshers’ Fair on September 15th, from 10am to 4pm.



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