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To Luvjit Kandula and Esther
Burrow
Local Pharmaceutical
Committee
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Re: Chlamydia self-sampling kits

Dear Luvjit and Esther,

As you are aware, RUClear ceased to offer the STI screening service in April 2020. Plans were being formulated to develop an alternative offer, but due to the reallocation of staff to the Covid response, this is still in development. In light of this, the specification relating to the provision of chlamydia screening will be stood down until further notice.

In Rochdale, we would like to maintain an offer for 15-24 year olds for the specific testing of chlamydia and gonorrhoea. We are currently working on what this offer will look like with our Integrated Sexual Health Service provided by Virgin Care. In the meantime we would like you to use the Virgin Care's online STI Screening offer and, therefore, ask that you signpost young people who use your service and require an STI test to access www.thesexualhealthhub.co.uk for a postal self-sampling kit. These kits are free of charge and will be posted to their chosen address.

We will be in contact when we have more details of a new specification, but in the meantime, if you have queries regarding the changes and local arrangements, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Yours sincerely,

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cc. Lianne Davies, Public Health Specialist