

Update on sexual health screening in NHS GGC –11th December 2020

Action: ***Please only request a sexual health screen (chlamydia and gonorrhoea test) in someone with symptoms or a confirmed high risk contact***

Information

The West of Scotland Specialist Virology Centre are currently under a lot of pressure due to COVID testing and the capacity for CT/GC tests is much reduced. As a consequence, Sandyford services are only offering testing to those with symptoms who are at risk of an STI (i.e. new sexual partner) or a high risk, recent and confirmed contact (i.e. a regular partner of someone with one of these infections). The WoSSVC would greatly appreciate if CT/GC testing in primary care could be limited to these indications also.

Unfortunately, we ask that for the time being, that testing is not performed in asymptomatic individuals who are not high risk.

Syndromic or presumptive management with antibiotics without testing for STIs should be avoided if at all possible – it is appropriate to test in those with symptoms.

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