



STI TESTING FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

Supporting the National Chlamydia Screening
Programme in Stockport

19 June '23

AIMS OF TODAY'S SESSION

- ∅ Introduce Brook and our work in Stockport
- ∅ Provide the context around both STI rates, young people and the National Chlamydia Screening Programme
- ∅ Explain how GPs can support the programme, get more young people tested and reduce STI transmissions in Stockport

About Brook

THE SEXUAL HEALTH & WELLBEING EXPERTS

- ∞ National sexual health and wellbeing charity with almost 60 years experience
- ∞ Provide both all age and specialists young people's clinical sexual health services across England.
- ∞ Deliver relationships and sex education in schools as well as training for teachers
- ∞ Also deliver health promotion, community outreach, one-to-one support, campaigns and policy work



About Brook

THE SEXUAL HEALTH & WELLBEING EXPERTS

- ♾ Strong presence in the North West
- ♾ Delivering clinical and education services throughout Merseyside and Manchester for decades
- ♾ Since March 2022 we have been supporting with the delivery of the National Chlamydia Screening Programme (NCSP) in Trafford, Tameside and Stockport



STI RATES ON THE RISE

- ⌘ Chlamydia diagnosis up by 24.3%
- ⌘ Syphilis diagnoses up by 15.2%
- ⌘ Gonorrhoea diagnoses up by 50.3%
- ⌘ Age group most impacted by STIs is 15-24 year olds
- ⌘ Gonorrhoea is increasing in all age groups but is most prevalent in 15-24s

Gonorrhoea and syphilis sex infections reach record levels in England

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Surge in STIs in England sparks anxiety over reproductive health

Sexual health

Syphilis cases at highest level for 75 years in England last year

Figures also show gonorrhoea diagnoses rose by 50% to 82,600 - the highest figure since records began in 1918

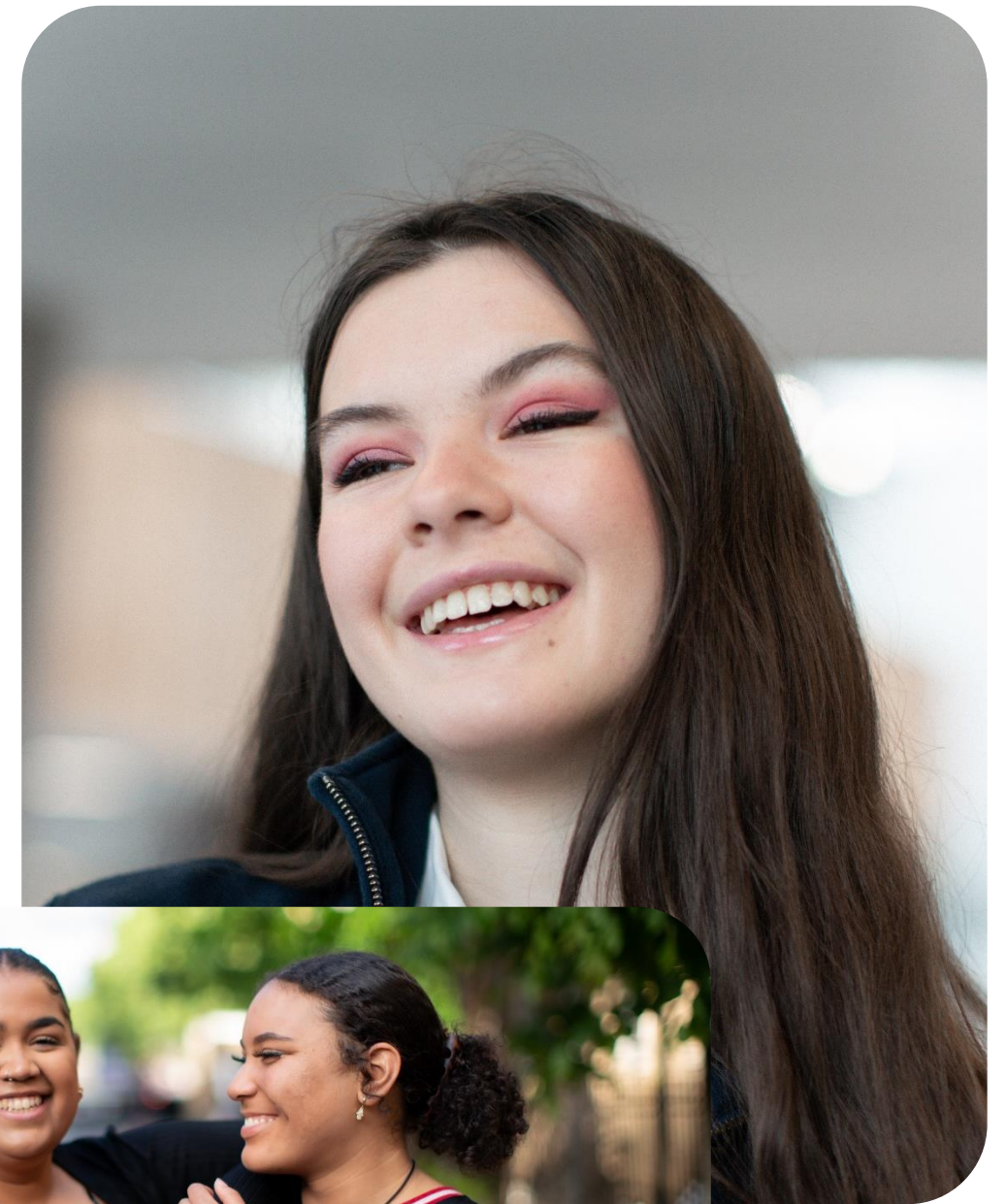
GPs urged to be vigilant as UK gonorrhoea and syphilis rates hit record highs

Levels of gonorrhoea in the UK were the highest on record last year and syphilis rates the highest since 1948 - prompting warnings to health professionals to be alert for potential cases.

The National Context

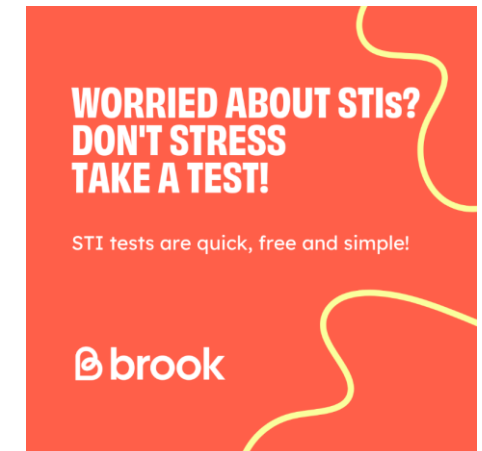
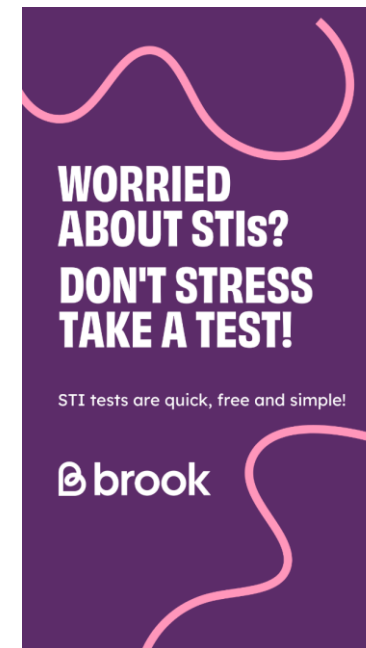
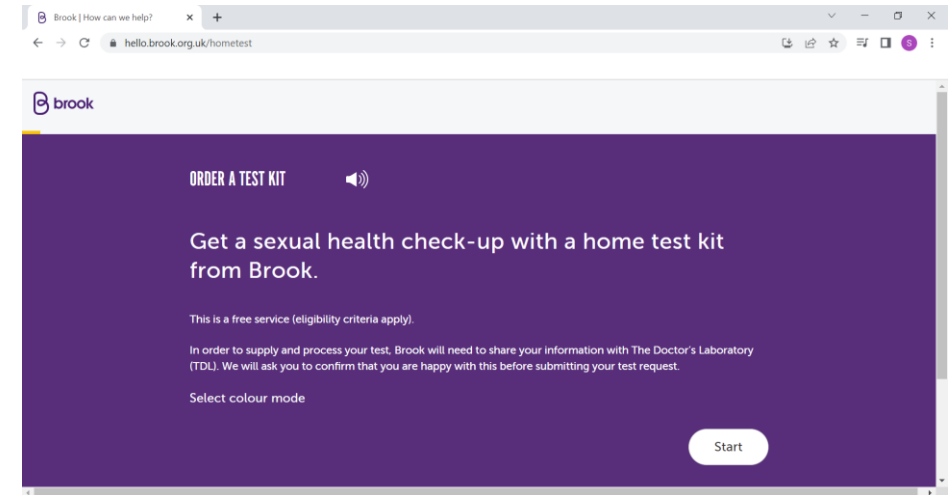
THE NATIONAL CHLAMYDIA SCREENING PROGRAMME

- ∅ Aim of the NCSP is to focus on reducing the harms of untreated chlamydia infection
- ∅ Opportunistic testing of people without symptoms in community settings (GPs, pharmacies, youth and community groups)
- ∅ Focus is on young women and other people with a womb or ovaries



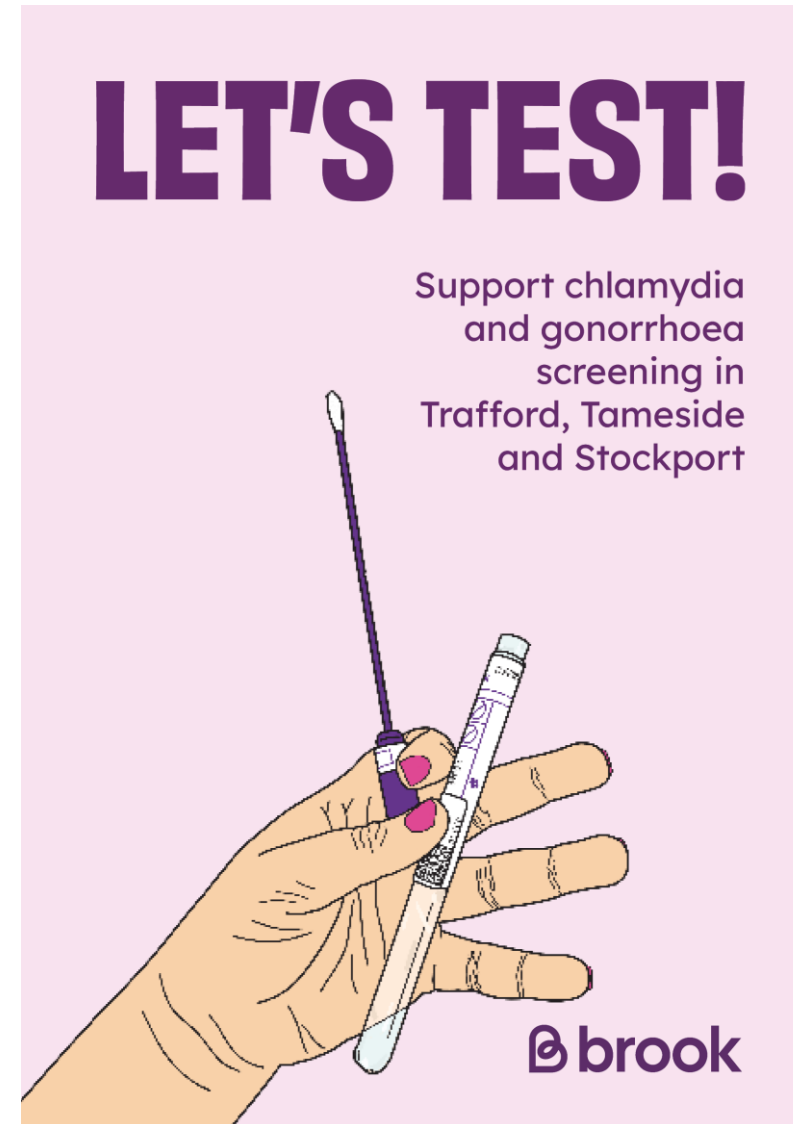
BROOK'S DIGITAL AND COMMUNITY STI TESTING

- Brook has been supporting with the NCSP in Trafford, Tameside and Stockport since March 2023
- We have an digital platform where 16-24 year olds can order STI tests for chlamydia and gonorrhoea online and have them delivered to their home
- Actively promote the digital offer to girls and young women aged 16-24 through targeted social media advertising
- Offer community home testing, with distribution sites set up in different locations where young people can access



HOW CAN YOU HELP?

- ⌘ We want more GPs to sign-up become distribution sites
- ⌘ Proactively promote home STI testing to girls and young women aged 15-24 that you see in your practices
- ⌘ Once signed up we will arrange for home test kits to be sent out to your practices, as well as some promotional materials and some guidance on the scheme works





Become a distribution site

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Sign up now