

Testing available:

BBV Information Sessions & Oral Swab Testing

Day: Mondays
Time: 10.00am - 1.00pm
Venue: 38 Queens Road, Reading, RG1 4AU

Or

Day: Wednesdays
Time: 10.00am - 1.00pm
Venue: 4 Waylen Street, Reading, RG1 7UR

Dean Linzey's Drop In Clinic

Day: Tuesdays
Time: 10.00am - 12.30pm
Venue: 4 Waylen Street, Reading, RG1 7UR

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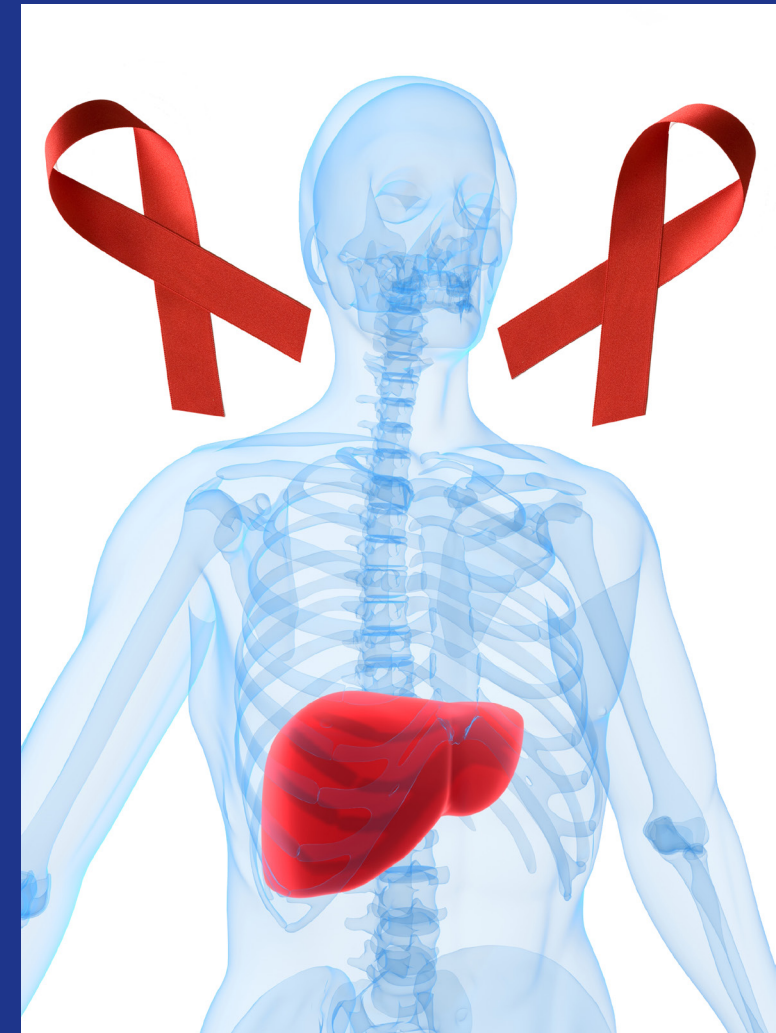
Day: Tuesdays
Time: 1.00pm - 4.00pm
Venue: 38 Queens Road, Reading, RG1 4AU

Results while you wait.

To book an appointment
call 0118 956 7441

www.irispartnership.org

Are you at risk from HIV, HEP B or HEP C?



Then call IRiS
Reading for
advice, support
& testing.

Blood Borne Virus Service
HIV, HEP B & HEP C

HIV: Why should I get tested?

- Someone with undiagnosed HIV can look and feel healthy for years, but the infection will be damaging their health. They can also pass the infection on to others.
- Early diagnosis and treatment leads to better management of HIV.
- Once HIV is in a person's body, it infects and destroys CD4 cells which are responsible for fighting infection, and are vital for your immune system.
- If you are participating in Chem Sex you may be at risk, so it is advisable that you are tested regularly.

HEP A: Why should I get vaccinated?

- If you are unhoused or sleeping rough.
- If you are having oral or anal sex.

HEP B: Why should I get vaccinated?

- If you have sexual intercourse (anal, oral or vaginal) without a condom.
- If you share any drug injecting equipment including syringes, needles, filters, spoons and water.
- If you share any drug smoking equipment e.g. crack pipes.
- If you share any drug snorting equipment e.g. straws.
- If you have been in contact with infected blood, for example through an open cut or sore, by sharing toothbrushes or razors or if you have had a needlestick injury.
- If you have any amateur tattoos and piercings.

HEP C: Why should I get vaccinated?

- There is no vaccine to protect you against Hepatitis C.
- Liver disease can progress to liver failure or even liver cancer.
- Hepatitis C can remain unidentified until it has progressed to end stage liver disease.
- Hepatitis C can be transmitted by sharing equipment for injecting drugs.
- If you have had a blood transfusion or blood product before 1992.
- If you have received medical or dental treatment in South Asia.
- Treatment for Hepatitis C is 90% effective.

Testing for HEP C & HIV

- All testing is done with oral antibody swab tests, so no blood is taken and there are no needles involved.
- Your test results are ready in 25 minutes.
- The tests are very accurate.
- We offer support and follow up for reactive tests.



Advice Online

Terrence Higgins Trust
0808 802 1221
www.tht.org.uk

THT are the largest voluntary sector provider of HIV and sexual health services in the UK, running services out of local centres across the UK.

National Aids Trust (NAT)
020 7814 6767
www.nat.org.uk

NAT is the UK's leading charity dedicated to transforming society's response to HIV.

Body & Soul
020 7923 6880
www.bodyandsoulcharity.org

Body & Soul is a charity promoting the respect, dignity and wellbeing of children, teenagers, adults and families living with and affected by HIV.

HEP C Trust
0845 223 4424
www.hepctrust.org.uk

The HEP C Trust was founded and is now led and run by people with personal experience of HEP C.

The Florey Unit, Royal Berkshire Hospital
www.royalberkshire.nhs.uk/sexualhealth

The clinic provides accurate information, confidential care and support for all aspects of sexual health.

It offers a full range of sexual health services including testing for and treatment of sexually transmitted infections (STIs) and contraception.

It also provides ongoing care and treatment for people living with HIV.