

PRESS RELEASE

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### **Have you got the 'sex' factor?**

Revellers are being challenged to prove they have the 'sex' factor during a campaign to promote sexual health in the Dudley borough.

Staff from the Sexual Health Service at Russells Hall Hospital will hit Stourbridge High Street on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> September to hand out free condoms and raise awareness about sexual health services available at the hospital.

The team, who will be out and about between 8pm and 9pm, will also provide answers to anyone who has any questions about their sexual health.

The team will also distribute thousands of beer mats to pubs in the area to promote the work of a drop-in clinic at the hospital

The beer mats, which carry the slogan 'Have you got the sex factor?', contain information about how about people can get in contact with the clinic.

The clinic offers tests for sexually transmitted infections and free treatment, as well as information about contraception and free pregnancy testing.

The clinic, which is located on the 1<sup>st</sup> floor of North Block, is open Mondays to Fridays and no appointment is necessary. There are limited spaces, so patients will be seen on a first-come, first-served basis.

Lead nurse Jo Millichip encouraged anyone who had any concerns about their sexual health to come to the clinic for an appointment.

"We're hoping the beer mats will raise awareness about the clinic and encourage people to come for an appointment if they have any concerns," she said.

"All of our staff are very sensitive to patients' feelings and will try to make them feel relaxed. All appointments and treatments are strictly confidential.

"It doesn't matter whether you feel OK or not. If you think you might be at risk, because you have had a new partner or if your partner has been with someone else, come to the clinic for a check up. Remember – when in doubt, get it checked out."

For more information about the clinic call (01384) 456111 extension 3900 or email [sexualhealth@dgoh.nhs.uk](mailto:sexualhealth@dgoh.nhs.uk)

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