A QUICK LOOK AT **Mersey and West Lancashire** SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED INFECTIONS

Sexually Transmitted Infections (STIs) can be passed on through You may experience symptoms with some unprotected sex. infections but some show mild or no symptoms at all. Condoms can help to prevent most STIs. Infections caused by bacteria can be treated with antibiotic but viral infections cannot.

CHLAMYDIA

A common bacterial infection. Doesn't usually cause symptoms early on but may cause pain and infertility if left untreated.

GENITAL WARTS

A viral infection passed on through skin to skin contact. Symptoms include small, fleshy growths on the skin. Treatment aims to help with symptoms can control the growths.

GONORRHOEA

A bacterial infection which may cause a green, smelly discharge. If left untreated, can cause pain, infertility and joint pain.

GENITAL HERPES

A viral infection passed on through skin to skin contact. Symptoms include painful blisters, first out break tends to be the worst. Treatment aims to control the discomfort caused by the blisters,

SYPHILIS

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A bacterial infection which can be passed on through skin to skin contact. If left untreated, it can cause severe damage to the body.

HIV

A viral infection passed on through bodily fluid, often during unprotected sex. Treatment aims to control the virus and manage symptoms.

To book an appointment please call 01744 646473 Monday to Friday between 9:30am and 4:30pm

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