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Date: My clinic number is:

During your visit to the clinic today you had swabs/urine/blood tests taken to check for:

- Chlamydia
- Gonorrhoea
- Syphilis
- HIV
- Hepatitis B
- Hepatitis C
- Other tests:

Until you receive the results of these tests we recommend you follow this important advice:

Avoid all sexual contact (even with a condom) until you have received your results.

If one or more of your results is positive for an infection please continue to avoid all sexual contact until you are fully treated. (One of our nurses or doctors will tell you when it is safe to resume sexual activity).

Receiving Your Results

We prefer to send out all results by text messaging to your mobile phone and if you prefer contact in another way please let one of the clinic staff know. The results will be sent to you within ten working days.

To keep the information we send in text messages secure, we need to remind you that they could be picked up by other people. We won't send sensitive information, however if you believe it would be unsafe to text please discuss this with a member of our staff.

If all your test results come back negative and you don't need any treatment the text will look like this: 'The results of your recent health check are clear'. No further action is needed.

If one or more of your test results are positive or we need to repeat a test your text will look like this: 'Please call the clinic on 0191 283 1580 to discuss the results of your recent health check'. You will need to ring us so we can explain your results and what needs to happen next.

If we need to contact you about an appointment your text will look like this: 'Your appointment at the clinic is for _______. Please call us on 0800 42 20 200 if you need to discuss this'.

Please note that our system does not receive messages so you will not be able to text us back. If you need to contact us please call our free-phone number 0800 42 20 200.

Please note: If we think you need treatment for a positive test result and you do not contact us following a text message, we will try to reach you by other means. This might be by home or mobile telephone or by a letter to your home address.