



Nottingham Recovery Network

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Re: Closure of The Health Shop on Broad Street

Nottingham City Council is under significant financial pressure and is having to make difficult decisions about the services it pays for, including The Health Shop. Staff, partners and commissioners have been working hard to minimise the impact this will have on service users.

From 3 September 2018, The Health Shop on Broad Street will close and all sexual health services will be delivered from The Wellbeing Hub on Hounds Gate (please see the map below).

These services include:

- Sexually Transmitted Infection (STI) and Blood Borne Virus (BBV) testing and treatment
- Hepatitis B vaccinations
- Contraception including Emergency Hormonal Contraception (EHC) and condom distribution

In addition, integrated sexual health services are provided from locations across Nottingham. Information on these services can be found at <https://www.nuh.nhs.uk/sexual-health-services>

We will provide Specialist Drug Harm Reduction through outreach (including St Peter's Church on Wednesdays from 11.30am-12.30pm) and other locations as they are set up. Foil and Naloxone will be available at outreach and from The Wellbeing Hub.

We will be supporting pharmacy services to increase their knowledge around all aspects of substance and harm reduction. In relation to image and performance enhancing drugs, a member of staff from The Health Shop will be at Boots Bulwell Main Street, 5 Main Street, Bulwell, Nottingham NG6 8QH on Thursday 27th September from 11.30-12.30 to provide advice and BP checks. Unfortunately, we will no longer be able to offer specialist testing services such as Liver Function Tests and Testosterone testing. We would encourage anyone who has concerns or would like more information to contact their GP for advice.

Our commissioners are sending a questionnaire to service users about needle exchange provision. Your opinion is important so we would ask as many people as possible to complete it.

The Health Shop has been on Broad Street for nearly 30 years and this will be a big change for many of our service users. We feel a great sense of pride in what the service has achieved over the years and it has been a privilege to work with such a diverse group of people (both colleagues and service users).

If you have any questions or require more information, please contact:

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Best wishes

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