MEDIA RELEASE

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**£260,000 sexual health clinic opens**

People needing advice on their sexual health will be able to get help and advice from a new clinic opened this month.

The new community sexual health clinic in Bootle is £260,000 investment in the service by Southport and Ormskirk Hospital NHS Trust in Sefton Sexual Health Service.

It opened on 4 April on the fifth floor of St Hugh's House in Stanley Road and incorporates services previously available at the nearby May Logan Centre and the PACE service for under 19 year-olds at Bootle Health Centre.

The opening coincides with the relaunch of Sefton Sexual Health website,

 [www.seftonsexualhealth.nhs.uk](http://www.seftonsexualhealth.nhs.uk). As well as a feature that help users quickly find the service they need, it contains information on all contraception methods, STI testing and treatments.

Matron Wendy Hicks and service manager Lynne Hindle said: “We are thrilled to be able to open our new sexual health clinic in south Sefton offering an integrated sexual health service to all who live, work, study and play in the local area. We hope the new website will support service users to access the right service at the right time for their sexual and reproductive health needs.”

Silas Nicholls, Chief Executive, added: "I'm delighted we've been able to work with our public health partners Sefton Council to deliver this new service.

"It represents a significant investment by the Trust in a service which is as much about preventing disease as it is about treatment. ​

Sefton Sexual Health clinics at Southport Centre for Health and Well-being, Maghull Health Centre and Netherton Health Centre will continue as usual.

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**Notes for editors**

Southport and Ormskirk Hospital NHS Trust manages Southport and Formby District General Hospital and Ormskirk and District General Hospital. The North West Regional Spinal Injuries Centre is hosted by the Trust from Southport hospital. We also provide sexual health services across the Metropolitan Borough of Sefton.

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Jane: I’d run the following in the covering email to the partners Liz mentioned, attaching a copy of the press release and the pictures. Doesn’t need to go in this release

**Additional information for partners**

1. From Wednesday 3rd April 2019, a new community sexual health clinic will run from St Hugh’s House (5th floor), Stanley Road, Bootle, L20 3QY. It incorporates services previously delivered from The  May Logan Centre and PACE which was in Bootle Health Centre.
2. From Monday 1st April 2019 all community sexual health has been working to new revised opening times.
3. All clinics will have PACE sessions for young people aged 19 and under. (young people can still attend any clinic session).
4. The new logo for PACE sessions is INSERT
5. Sefton Sexual Health has a new website [www.seftonsexualhealth.nhs.uk](http://www.seftonsexualhealth.nhs.uk/)
6. All web searches for the previous web address will be redirected as this goes live.
7. The new website has more interactive features. It takes the user to a triage tool in order to help accelerate their search for the service they require.
8. The website also contains information on all contraceptive methods, STI testing & treatment and links to national NHS websites for additional information. All fpa leaflets are available in these sections to download.
9. The website has a section for professionals only. This includes referral forms into Psychosexual Counselling and Clinical Outreach.
10. The website contains information on Sexual Health Promotion and information on Open Awards kite marked training provision. There is also information on themed sexual health campaigns across the year.

The partners are:

1.       All Sefton GP Practices & 2 Sefton CCGs.

2.       Sefton Coucil Comms Deps

3.       Sefton CVS Comms

4.       North West Boroughs NHS Trust

5.       Merseycare NHS Trust

6.       Brook Young People’s Sexual Health in Liverpool

7.       Sexual Health in The RLUTH – The Royal

Liz will have contacts for them.