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Top class sexual health advice for Gateshead College students

NHS staff are getting ready for the start of term – by teaming up with Gateshead College to offer new students sexual health advice and support.

South Tyneside NHS Foundation Trust's sexual health team will be at the college's Baltic Campus Freshers' Week event on Wednesday, September 13th, highlighting the services they offer.

Dan Dobson, sexual health education outreach worker with the team, said "We have successfully worked in partnership with Gateshead College for six years promoting the national chlamydia and gonorrhoea screening programme and educating and advising students on looking after their sexual health, which is an important part of overall mental and physical health. Our aim is to support as many students as possible in making the right choices around preventing sexually transmitted infections and unplanned pregnancies."

Scott Brown, senior student recruitment co-ordinator at Gateshead College, said: "We are committed to supporting our students to make the best decisions about their health and wellbeing. By working with South Tyneside NHS Foundation Trust's sexual health staff, we're helping our students to access advice and guidance that will enable them to remain safe and healthy."

The trust provides sexual health services for people in Gateshead and South Tyneside. No appointment is needed for many of the clinics, some of which are specifically for under-25s. All forms of contraception are available from the majority of clinics. Main clinics at Trinity Square Health Centre, Gateshead, and Stanhope Parade Health Centre, South Shields, also offer screening/testing for sexually transmitted infections. To make an appointment or find out more about the sexual health service in Gateshead ring 0191 2831577/1575 and for South Tyneside ring 0191 4028191 or go to www.stft.nhs.uk/service/sexual-health-services

South Tyneside NHS Foundation Trust provides a range of community health services across South Tyneside, Sunderland and Gateshead, with about 1,500 staff supporting people in their own homes, and from various community venues, to stay healthy and well.
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The pic shows: Left to right, Gateshead College's Scott Brown and Students Union' President Josh Everest with South Tyneside NHS Foundation Trust sexual health education outreach worker Dan Dobson

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