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Gateshead Mayor praises work of Trust sexual health service



Gateshead's Mayor Cllr Jill Green joined South Tyneside NHS Foundation Trust's sexual health team to raise awareness of the services they offer to the whole community.

She went along to the team's Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender (LGBT) Pride Month stall in Trinity Square which was also supported by partners including pharmacists and Northumbria University.

Cllr Green said: "It was a privilege to raise awareness of the work and support around sexual health which is offered by South Tyneside NHS Foundation NHS Trust's staff, whilst also highlighting the issues of equality and diversity within our community."

The Trust's sexual health services in Gateshead and South Tyneside are working closely with partners to improve public health with initiatives such as free condoms and free home testing kits for Chlamydia and Gonorrhoea for the under 25s.

No appointment is needed for many of the Trust's sexual health clinics, the majority of which provide all forms of contraception. 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

- On Saturday, July 21st, South Tyneside NHS Foundation Trust's sexual health teams will join colleagues from all over the North East at Northern Pride's Newcastle Pride event at Nuns Moor

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Photo caption: The Mayor of Gateshead Councillor Jill Green, centre, with left to right, sexual health advisor Jade O'Callaghan, sexual health administration team leader Vicky Taylor, nurse practitioner Shireen Gale, Tesco pharmacist Gordon Johnson, sexual health outreach lead Dan Dobson and Terry Lapsey, of Northumbria University

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