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**'AD VANS' URGE YOUNG PEOPLE TO GET TESTED FOR CHLAMYDIA**

Special 'ad vans' will be touring Oldham during next week as part of a push to get more 16-24-year-olds tested for Chlamydia.

And ten 'dump bins' will be placed at various locations where young people were likely to be so they could pick up testing kits and post their urine samples back anonymously.

The Chlamydia screening programme is offering free testing for all sexually active young people who are aged under-25 and is trialling new ways to encourage them to take it up.

Andrew Mulholland, PCT public health specialist, who is leading the initiative in Oldham, said: "Chlamydia is the most common sexually transmitted infection in England and affects one in ten young people. Many people do not have symptoms when infected with Chlamydia and if it is left untreated it can lead to long-term health problems. The good news is that it is easy to diagnose and treat."

Oldham venues offering free Chlamydia tests include all community sexual health clinics, the Oldham Walk-in Centre and Brook Advisory Service. Testing kits can be requested in the post - phone 0845 330 6363 or text the word 'Test' followed by your name and address to 84010 to receive a free testing kit. Results will be sent back via text. Test kits can also be obtained from the RU Clear website at: [www.ruclear.co.uk](http://www.ruclear.co.uk).