



SUMMER FUN AND STIs

The summer holiday season is upon us, which means an increase in risk-taking behaviours, and an increase in visits to the Department of Health's Communicable Disease Control Clinic for sexually transmitted infections (STIs). Last year, 417 persons were diagnosed with Chlamydia,

14 with Gonorrhoea, and 2 with Syphilis. This month is also HIV Awareness Month and last year six people were diagnosed with HIV in Bermuda, bringing the number of persons living with HIV to 304. All of these are preventable diseases and can be transmitted through sexual contact. Prevention of these diseases starts with

protecting yourself during sex with condoms, or choosing abstinence. However, many STI's don't have symptoms and treatment can only come after testing. Contact the Communicable Disease Control clinic for more information, but remember—the best way to address these infections, which can pose serious health risks is through prevention in the form of condoms or abstinence.

DOH Communicable Disease Control Clinic

Opens Monday to Friday

Time: 8:30 am – 11:30 am
and 1:45 pm – 3:30 pm

Phone: 278-6442

Clinic is by appointment only

Walk-ins will be accepted on 27th of June.

LONG-TERM CARE UPDATE

One of the goals of the Bermuda Health Strategy 2014–2019 is to improve long term care for seniors and persons with disabilities (Goal 7). As such, the Ministry published the Long-Term Care Action Plan in January this year, presenting 13 short-term initiatives in five (5) action areas: Quality, Education & Workforce Development; Policy & Regulation; Financing; and Advocacy & Communication. Here are some highlights of work done to date:

- The Ministry and the Bermuda Hospitals Board have restructured rates for long stays at KEMH; and the Ministry compiled data on its LTC spending.
- Ageing and Disability services strengthened policies and procedures for senior abuse investigations and interventions, which are now on our website.
- Legislation to protect persons in care and improve quality in homes and under the Mental Health Act are under active development.

In addition, an Ageing Well strategy is in development which we hope to consult on soon. Progress on LTC remains underway and further updates on the Action Plan will be provided on our website: <https://www.gov.bm/long-term-care-action-plan>



MINISTRY ROADMAP

It's hard to plan when you don't know where you're going. That's why we published our Roadmap 2017-2019 earlier this year. The Roadmap provides an overview of our routine work and our priorities and deliverables for the next couple of years. Some of those future initiatives include: a public health review, delivering on the goals of the Bermuda Health Strategy and Action Plan, publishing more data and placing more information in the public domain on our website. For the full list of actions visit the MOHS Roadmap 2017-2019 at: <https://www.gov.bm/reports>

Below are a few of the core services provided by the different Departments within the Ministry:

	Provides Dr. Barbara Ball Scholarship; \$100,000 for students in public health priority areas
Case manages more than 230 cases annually	Registers and inspects 22 residential care and nursing homes
38,000 service calls answered for mosquito and rodent control	
	600 drug cases analysed for Police
Provides health insurance to: 3,300 HIP policy holders 3,900 FutureCare seniors	
Registers 2,100 health professionals and handles complaints against doctors and midwives	
	Investigated 750 cases of communicable diseases



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