

HIV post exposure prophylaxis (PEP) is a course of HIV medication that aims to prevent HIV infection following a recent exposure to HIV, for example following a sexual contact or a needle-stick injury. A full course of PEP is for 28 days (4 weeks).

PEP must be taken within 72 hours (3 days) after the possible exposure to HIV, and sooner if possible.

PEP is only available following an assessment by a doctor or a nurse. Not everyone who presents for PEP will need it.

PEP is currently available through a number of STI clinics and Emergency Departments. Attendance at Emergency Departments should be reserved for situations where there is an injury requiring urgent medical attention or where it is not possible to get PEP from a local STI or ID clinic within 72 hours.

Following a potential exposure to HIV at work (for example a needle stick injury), the Occupational Health department at your workplace will advise you on what to do. If you do not have an Occupational Health department at your workplace, the table below provides information on where and how PEP can be accessed.

PEP is free in Ireland.

In Ireland, individuals who attend an Emergency Department, without a referral letter, will be charged for that attendance. This charge is mandated by the Health (Out-Patient Charges) Regulations 2013¹. For EU residents this cost is currently €100. The cost of attendance at an Emergency Department for non-EU residents is more.

Medical card holders and some other groups are exempt from this charge. Attendance for PEP assessment is not exempt from this charge.

The table below has a list of clinics and emergency departments with information on PEP availability.

The table is presented by county. Under the PEP availability column the following statements appear: PEP starter pack available; Full PEP service available during clinic hours; Receive referrals for PEP continuation and follow up.

Here is an explanation for each of those statements:

- **“PEP starter pack available”** means a person can present for assessment and if deemed appropriate, will be given a short course of PEP. This is not the full course. If a person is given a PEP starter pack (usually in an emergency department), they will need to be seen at another clinic for further assessment and continuation of treatment if recommended.
- **“Full PEP service available during clinic hours”** means a person can present for PEP assessment and receive the full course of treatment, or they can attend for continuation of PEP and follow up after a starter pack.
- **“Receive referrals for PEP continuation and follow up”** means a person can be seen, usually by appointment, for continuation of PEP treatment and follow up, after they have been on a starter pack.

¹ <http://www.irishstatutebook.ie/eli/2013/si/45/made/en/print>

| County | Clinic | Opening hours | PEP Availability |
|--|---|---|--|
| Antrim (Tel: 048 from ROI) | GUM Clinic Royal Victoria Hospital Grosvenor Road Belfast Tel: 028 9063 4050 | Appointments: Mon, Wed, Fri: 9am – 12.30pm, 1.30 – 4.30pm Tues: 2-6pm Thurs: 9am – 12.30pm | Full PEP service available during clinic hours |
| | Emergency Department Royal Victoria Hospital Grosvenor Road Belfast Tel: 028 9063 2250 | 24/7 Emergency Department | PEP starter pack available |
| | Emergency Department Mater Hospital 45-54 Crumlin Road Belfast Tel: 028 9074 1211 | 24/7 Emergency Department | PEP starter pack available |
| Armagh (Tel: 048 from ROI) | GUM Clinic Health and Care Centre Tavanagh Avenue Portadown Tel: 028 3083 4215 | Appointments: Tuesday: 9.30am–3.30pm Thursday: 9.30am–12.30pm | Full PEP Service during clinic hours |
| | Emergency Department Craigavon Area Hospital 68 Lurgan Road Portadown Tel: 028 3861 2006/2014 | 24/7 Emergency Department | PEP starter pack available |
| | Emergency Department Daisy Hill Hospital 5 Hospital Road Newry Tel: 028 3083 5000 | 24/7 Emergency Department | PEP starter pack available |
| Carlow | STI Clinic Carlow District Hospital Athy Road Tel: 051 842 646 | PEP service available by appointment at Waterford clinic, call contact number to make arrangements to be seen | |
| Cavan | Emergency Department Cavan General Hospital Lisdaran Cavan Tel: 049 437 6000 | 24/7 Emergency Department | PEP starter pack available |
| Clare | STI Clinic University Hospital Ennis Tel: 061 482 382 | Mon: 9am – 12pm | PEP service available during clinic hours, call first to make an appointment |
| | Ennis Injury Unit University Hospital Ennis Ennis Tel: 065 686 3121 | Open 7 days and Bank Holidays: 8am-8pm | PEP starter pack available |
| Cork | STI Clinic South Infirmary Victoria University Hospital Old Blackrock Road Tel: 021 496 6844 | Mon-Thurs: 9am - 12.30pm Wed: 2 - 4.30pm | PEP starter pack available |

| County | Clinic | Opening hours | PEP Availability |
|---|--|--|--|
| Cork continued | Sexual Assault Treatment Unit South Infirmary Victoria University Hospital Old Blackrock Road Tel: 021 4926297 satu@sivuh.ie Out of hours tel: 021 4926100 Nurse Manager on duty | 24/7 Sexual assault cases only | PEP starter pack available |
| | Emergency Department Cork University Hospital Tel: 021 4920200 | 24/7 Emergency Department | PEP starter pack available |
| | ID/HIV Clinic Cork University Hospital Tel: 021 4922795 | By appointment only | Receive referrals for PEP continuation and follow up |
| | Emergency Department Mercy University Hospital Tel: 021 4935 241/341 | 24/7 Emergency Department | PEP starter pack available |
| | Bantry Injury Unit Bantry General Hospital Tel: 027 52929 | Mon – Sun: 8am-8pm | PEP starter pack available |
| | Mallow Injury Unit Mallow General Hospital Tel: 022 58506 | No PEP service available, patients referred to ID/HIV clinic at CUH | |
| Derry (Tel: 048 from ROI) | GUM Clinic Altnagelvin Area Hospital Glenshane Road Londonderry Tel: 028 7161 1269 | Walk-in: Mon-Fri: 9 – 11.30am Appointments: Tues: 9 – 11.30am Wed: 1.30 – 3.30pm Thurs: 2 – 3.45pm | Full PEP service available during clinic hours |
| | Emergency Department Altnagelvin Area Hospital Anderson House Glenshane Road Londonderry Tel: 028 7134 5171 | 24/7 Emergency Department | PEP starter pack available |
| | GUM Clinic Causeway Hospital 4 Newbridge Road Coleraine Tel: 028 7034 6028 | Walk-in registration: Tues: 5pm, Fri: 1.30pm Appointments: Mon, Tues, Thurs: 9.30am – 12.30pm, 1.30 – 4.30pm Fri: 9.30am – 12.30pm | Full PEP service available during clinic hours |
| | Emergency Department Causeway Hospital 4 Newbridge Road Coleraine Tel: 028 7032 7032 | 24/7 Emergency Department | PEP starter pack available |
| Donegal | GUM/STI Clinic Letterkenny General Hospital Letterkenny Tel: 074 912 3715 | Thurs: 5.30 – 9pm (Clinic attendance is by appointment only but do accept PEP walk-ins) | Full PEP service available during clinic hours |

| County | Clinic | Opening hours | PEP Availability |
|--------------------------------------|---|--|---|
| Donegal continued | Emergency Department Letterkenny General Hospital Letterkenny Tel: 074 912 5888 | 24/7 Emergency Department | PEP starter pack available |
| | Donegal Sexual Assault Treatment Unit Letterkenny University Hospital NoWDOC Premises Oldtown Letterkenny Tel: 074 9104436 SATU mobile: 087 0681964 satu.letterkenny@hse.ie Out of hours telephone number: 0870681964 | 24/7 Sexual assault cases only | PEP starter pack available |
| Down (048 from ROI) | Sexual Health Clinic Down Hospital 2 Struell Wells Road Downpatrick Tel: 028 4483 8133 | Appointments: Mon: 9am – 12pm Thurs: 9am – 6pm | Full PEP service available during clinic hours |
| | Emergency Department Down Hospital 2 Struell Wells Road Downpatrick Tel: 028 4461 3311 | 24/7 Emergency Department | PEP starter pack available |
| | GUM Clinic John Mitchell Place Hill Street Newry Tel: 028 3083 4215 | Appointments: Mon: 3 – 6.30pm Wed & Fri: 9am–12.30pm | Full PEP service available during clinic hours |
| Dublin | GUIDE Clinic St. James's Hospital James's Street Dublin 8 Tel: 01 416 2315/6 http://www.guideclinic.ie/ | Walk in and by appointment Mon – Thurs: 8am – 4pm Fri: 9am – 12.30pm | Full PEP service available during clinic hours |
| | Emergency Department St. James's Hospital James's Street Dublin 8 Tel: 01 4103000, 4162774/5 | 24/7 Emergency Department | PEP starter pack available |
| | ID Clinic Mater Hospital Eccles Street Dublin 7 Tel: 01 803 2063 | By appointment only | Receive referrals for PEP continuation and follow up |
| | STI Clinic Mater Hospital Eccles Street Dublin 7 Tel: 01 803 2563 | No PEP walk in service – referred to ED | |

| County | Clinic | Opening hours | PEP Availability |
|-------------------------|---|--|--|
| Dublin continued | Emergency Department Mater Hospital Eccles Street Dublin 7 Tel: 01 803 2000 | 24/7 Emergency Department | PEP starter pack available |
| | Gay Men's Health Service Baggot Street Clinic 18 Upper Baggot St. Dublin 4 Tel: 01 669 9553 | Walk in service available Tues, Wed: 4.30-6.30pm | Full PEP service available during clinic hours |
| | ID Clinic St. Vincent's University Hospital Elm Park Merrion Rd. Dublin 4 Tel: 01 221 3363/3035 | By appointment only | Receive referrals for PEP continuation and follow up |
| | Emergency Department St. Vincent's University Hospital Elm Park Merrion Rd. Dublin 4 Tel: 01 221 4358 | 24/7 Emergency Department | PEP starter pack available |
| | Emergency Department St. Michael's Hospital Lower George's St Dub Laoghaire Tel: 01 6639815 | No PEP service available, patients referred to St. Vincent's | |
| | St. Columcille's Injury Unit St Columcille's Hospital Loughlinstown Tel: 01 2115048 | No PEP service available, patients referred to St. Vincent's | |
| | Emergency Department Beaumont Hospital Dublin 9 Tel: 01 809 3000 | 24/7 Emergency Department | PEP starter pack available |
| | Sexual Assault Treatment Unit Rotunda Hospital, Parnell Square, Dublin 1 Tel: 01 817 1736 SATU@rotunda.ie Out of hours tel: 01 8171700 ask for SATU | 24/7 Sexual assault cases only | PEP starter pack available |
| | Emergency Department Connolly Hospital Mill Road Blanchardstown Tel: 01 646 6250/6251 | 24/7 Emergency Department | PEP starter pack available |

| County | Clinic | Opening hours | PEP Availability |
|--|--|--|--|
| Dublin continued | Emergency Department Tallaght Hospital (AMNCH) Tallaght Dublin 24 Tel: 01 414 3601/3536 | 24/7 Emergency Department | PEP starter pack available |
| | Emergency Department (Paed) Tallaght Hospital (AMNCH) Tallaght Dublin 24 Tel: 01 414 3510 | 24/7 Emergency Department (Paediatric service only) | PEP starter pack available |
| | Emergency Department Our Lady's Children's Hospital Crumlin Dublin 12 Tel: 01 409 6326 | 24/7 Emergency Department (Paediatric service only) | PEP starter pack available |
| | Emergency Department Temple St. Children's Hospital Temple St. Dublin 1 Tel: 01 878 4274 | 24/7 Emergency Department (Paediatric service only) | PEP starter pack available |
| Fermanagh (048 from ROI) | Emergency Department South West Acute Hospital 124 Irvinestown Road Enniskillen Tel: 028 6638 2000 | 24/7 Emergency Department | PEP starter pack available |
| Galway | STI Clinic Portiuncula Hospital Ballinasloe Tel: 090 964 8372 (ext 676) | No PEP walk in service – referred to ED | |
| | Emergency Department Portiuncula Hospital Ballinasloe Tel: 090 964 8200 | 24/7 Emergency Department | PEP starter pack available |
| | STI Clinic University Hospital Galway Newcastle Road Tel: 091 525 200 | Walk in available Monday afternoon, Wednesday morning and afternoon and Friday morning | Full PEP service available during clinic hours |
| | Emergency Department University Hospital Galway Newcastle Road Tel: 091 524 222 | 24/7 Emergency Department | PEP starter pack available |
| | Sexual Assault Treatment Unit Hazelwood House Parkmore Road Tel: 091 765751/ 087 6338118 satugalway.hsewest@hse.ie Out of hours tel: 091757631 Nurse Manager on duty for Merlin Park Hospital | 24/7 Sexual Assault cases only | PEP starter pack and supply available |

| County | Clinic | Opening hours | PEP Availability |
|-----------------|--|--|--|
| Kerry | STI Clinic University Hospital Kerry Tralee Tel: 021 496 6844 | No PEP service available - referred to CUH ID/HIV Clinic | |
| | Emergency Department University Hospital Kerry Tralee Tel: 066 718 4000 | 24/7 Emergency Department | PEP starter pack available |
| Kildare | Emergency Department Naas General Hospital Naas Tel: 045 849 900/500 | 24/7 Emergency Department | PEP starter pack available |
| Kilkenny | Emergency Department St. Luke's General Hospital Kilkenny Tel: 056 778 5000 | 24/7 Emergency Department | PEP starter pack available |
| Laois | STI Clinic Out patients Dept. Midland Regional Hospital Block Rd. Portlaoise Tel: 086 859 1273 | Walk in and by appointment Tues: 17.15 – 18.15 | PEP starter pack available during clinic hours – referred to St. James's, Dublin, for continuation and follow up |
| | Emergency Department Midland Regional Hospital Block Rd. Portlaoise Tel: 086 859 1273 | 24/7 Emergency Department | PEP starter pack available |
| Limerick | STI Clinic University Hospital Limerick Dooradoyle Tel: 061 482 382 | Tuesday and Thursday: 9am - 12pm by appointment but most walk-ins seen | Full PEP service available during clinic hours |
| | Emergency Department University Hospital Limerick Dooradoyle Tel: 061 301 111 | 24/7 Emergency Department | PEP starter pack available |
| | Sexual Assault Treatment Unit University Hospital Limerick St. Nessan's Road Dooradoyle Out of hours service only: contact shannondoc: 1850 212 999 | 24/7 Sexual assault cases only | PEP starter pack available |
| | St. John's Injury Unit St. John's Hospital New Road Tel: 061 462132 | Mon – Fri: 8am-8pm | PEP starter pack available |
| Louth | STI Clinic Louth County Hospital Dublin Road Dundalk Tel: 086 824 1847 | No PEP service, patients referred elsewhere | |

| County | Clinic | Opening hours | PEP Availability |
|------------------------|--|---|--|
| Louth continued | Dundalk Injury Unit Louth County Hospital Dublin Road Dundalk Tel: 042 9334701 | No PEP service, patients referred elsewhere | |
| | STI Clinic Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital Drogheda Tel: 086 824 1847 | No PEP service, patients referred elsewhere | |
| | Emergency Department Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital Drogheda Tel: 041 983 7601 | 24/7 Emergency Department | PEP starter pack available |
| Mayo | STI Clinic Mayo General Hospital Castlebar Tel: 094 902 1733 (ext 3501) | No PEP service, patients referred elsewhere | |
| | Emergency Department Mayo General Hospital Castlebar Tel: 094 902 1733 | 24/7 Emergency Department | PEP starter pack available |
| Meath | Emergency Department Our Lady's Hospital Navan Tel: 046 907 8500 | 24/7 Emergency Department | PEP starter pack available |
| Monaghan | GUM Clinic Monaghan General Hospital Monaghan Tel: 086 824 1847 | No PEP service, patients referred elsewhere | |
| | Minor Injury Unit Monaghan General Hospital Monaghan Tel: 047 38835 | Mon – Fri: 9am-5pm | PEP starter pack available |
| Offaly | Emergency Department Midland Regional Hospital Tullamore Tel: 057 935 8024 / 932 1501 | 24/7 Emergency Department | PEP starter pack available |
| Roscommon | Roscommon Injury Unit Roscommon University Hospital Athlone Road Tel: 090 6632212 | No PEP service, patients referred elsewhere | |
| Sligo | GUM Clinic Sligo General Hospital The Mall Tel: 071 917 0473 | No PEP walk in service available, patients referred to ED | Receive referrals for PEP continuation and follow up |
| | Emergency Department Sligo General Hospital The Mall Tel: 071 917 1111 | 24/7 Emergency Department | PEP starter pack available |

| County | Clinic | Opening hours | PEP Availability |
|------------------|---|---|---|
| Tipperary | STI Clinic South Tipperary General Hospital Clonmel Tel: 051 842 646 | PEP service available by appointment at Waterford clinic, call contact number to make arrangements to be seen | |
| | Emergency Department South Tipperary General Hospital Clonmel Tel: 052 617 7000 | 24/7 Emergency Department | PEP starter pack available |
| | STI Clinic University Hospital Nenagh Tel: 061 482 382 | Wed: 2 – 5pm | PEP service available during clinic hours, call first to make an appointment for PEP assessment |
| | Nenagh Injury Unit Tyone Nenagh Tel: 067 42311 | Mon – Sun: 8am-8pm | PEP starter pack available |
| Waterford | STI Clinic University Hospital Waterford Dunmore Road Tel: 051 842 646 | PEP service by appointment only, call contact number to make arrangements to be seen | |
| | Emergency Department University Hospital Waterford Dunmore Road Tel: 051 848 000 | 24/7 Emergency Department | PEP starter pack available |
| | Sexual Assault Treatment Unit University Hospital Waterford Dunmore Road Tel: 051 842157 wrh.satu@hse.ie Out of hours tel: 051 848000 Nurse Manager on duty | 24/7 Sexual assault cases only | PEP starter pack available |
| Westmeath | STI Clinic Regional Hospital Mullingar Longford Road Mullingar Tel: 086 416 9830 | No PEP service, patients referred elsewhere | |
| | Emergency Department Midland Regional Hospital Longford Road Mullingar Tel: 044 934 0221 | 24/7 Emergency Department | PEP starter pack available |
| | Sexual Assault Treatment Unit Midland Regional Hospital Longford Road Mullingar Tel: 044 9394239 /086 0409952 satu.mrhm@hse.ie Out of hours tel: 044 9340221 Nurse Manager on duty | 24/7 Sexual assault cases only | PEP starter pack available |

| County | Clinic | Opening hours | PEP Availability |
|----------------|---|---------------------------|----------------------------|
| Wexford | Emergency Department Wexford General Hospital Newtown rd. Tel: 053 915 3313/14 | 24/7 Emergency Department | PEP starter pack available |

*This information is available as of 19th September 2018 and is subject to change