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Abbreviations suggested by BASHH for use within Sexual Health services:

Introduction:

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Abbreviations are commonly used throughout clinical care and although it is recommended that they are used infrequently, the service has agreed that the use of the following is acceptable.

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| AIN | Anal intraepithelial neoplasia |
| ANP | Advanced Nurse Practitioner |
| AP | Assistant practitioner |
| Appt | Appointment |
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| BASHH | British Association for Sexual Health and HIV |
| BHIVA | British HIV Association |
| BMI | Body mass index |
| Bpm | Beats per minute |
| BV | Bacterial vaginosis |
| BD | Twice Daily |
| BP | Blood Pressure |
| Bx | Biopsy |
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| CFP | Casual female partner |
| CHC | Combined hormonal contraception |
| CIN | Cervical intraepithelial neoplasia |
| C/O | Complains of |
| CMP | Casual male partner |
| CMT | Cervical motion tenderness |
| CSC | Children's social care |
| CSE | Child sexual exploitation |
| CSW | Commercial sex worker |
| CT | Chlamydia trachomatis (We use C4) |
| Cx | Cervix |
| CIN | Cervical Intra-epithelial Neoplasia |
| COCP | Combined Oral Contraceptive Pill |
| CRP | C Reactive Protein |
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| d | Day |
| Depo | Depo medroxyprogesterone acetate |

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| D/W | Discussed with |
| EC | Emergency contraception |
| ETOH | Alcohol |
| EDys | Erectile Dysfunction (ED mind remind Emergency department) |
| FSH | Follicle stimulating hormone |
| FSRH | Faculty of Sexual and Reproductive Healthcare of the RCOG |
| FGM | Female genital mutilation |
| FME | Forensic Medical Examination |
| F/U | Follow Up |
| FBC | Full Blood Count |
| GUM | Genitourinary Medicine |
| GC | Neisseria gonorrhoeae |
| GNID | Gram negative intracellular diplococci |
| GSM | Gender & Sexual Minorities |
| HA | Health advisor |
| HAART | Highly active antiretroviral therapy |
| HCA | Health care assistant |
| Hep B | Hepatitis B Virus |
| Hep C | Hepatitis C Virus |
| HIV | Human Immunodeficiency Virus |
| H/O | History of |
| HPV | Human papilloma virus |
| HRT | Hormone replacement therapy |
| HSV | Herpes simplex virus |
| HVS | High Vaginal Swab |
| HPE | Histopathological Examination |
| IM | Intramuscular |
| IV | Intravenous |
| IMB | Intermenstrual bleeding |
| IVDU | Intravenous drug user |
| IUCD | Intrauterine Contraceptive device |
| IUD | Copper bearing intrauterine device |
| IUS | Levonogestrel releasing intrauterine system |
| IP | Index Patient |
| LARC | Long-acting reversible contraception |
| LGV | Lymphogranuloma Venereum |
| LLETZ | Large loop excision of the transformation zone |
| LMP | Last menstrual period |
| LN2 | Liquid Nitrogen |
| LSCS | Lower section C-Section |
| LSI/PSI | Last sexual intercourse/Past Sexual Intercourse |
| LFTs | Liver Function Tests |
| LS | Lichen Sclerosis |
| LP | Lichen Planus |
| MSM | Men who have sex with men |

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| MI | Motivational interviewing |
| MC | Molluscum Contageosum |
| MGen | Mycoplasma Genitalium |
| NAAT | Nucleic acid amplification test |
| NAD | No abnormality detected |
| NKDA | No known drug allergies |
| NMP | Non-medical prescriber |
| NVD | Normal vaginal delivery |
| NGU/NSU | Non-Gonococcal Urethritis/Non-Specific Urethritis |
| O/E | On Examination |
| Obs | Observations |
| O | Oral |
| ONS | One Night Stand |
| P | Pulse |
| PC | Pus cells |
| PCB | Post coital bleeding |
| PCR | Polymerase chain reaction |
| PEP | Post-exposure prophylaxis |
| PEPSE | Post-exposure prophylaxis following sexual exposure |
| PrEP | Pre-exposure Prophylaxis |
| PGD | Patient Group Direction |
| PID | Pelvic inflammatory disease |
| PIL | Patient information leaflet |
| PIN | Penile intraepithelial neoplasia |
| PN | Partner notification |
| POCT | Point of care test |
| POEC | Progesterone Only Emergency Contraceptive |
| POP | Progestogen only pill |
| PE | Premature Ejaculation |
| PR | Per rectum |
| PRN | When needed or required |
| PT | Pregnancy test |
| PV | Per vagina |
| RFP | Regular female partner |
| RMP | Regular male partner |
| RPR | Rapid plasma regain |
| S/E | Speculum Examination |
| SARC | Sexual Assault Referral Centre |
| SC | Subcutaneous |
| SH | Sexual health |
| SRH | Sexual and reproductive health |
| STI | Sexually transmitted infection |
| STS | Serological tests for syphilis |
| Smear | Cervical Smear |
| TOC | Test of cure |
| TPPA | Treponema pallidum particle agglutination |



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| TV | Trichomonas vaginalis |
| UKMEC | United Kingdom Medical Eligibility Criteria |
| UPA | Ulipristal acetate |
| UPAI | Unprotected anal intercourse |
| UPOI | Unprotected oral intercourse |
| UPSI | Unprotected sexual intercourse |
| VE | Vaginal Examination |
| VAIN | Vaginal intraepithelial neoplasia |
| VIN | Vulval intraepithelial neoplasia |

Microscopy

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|------|--|
| PC | Pus cells |
| EC | Epithelial cells |
| OO | Other organisms |
| GNID | Gram negative intracellular diplococci |
| BV | Bacterial vaginosis |
| Cx | Cervix |
| Ur | Urethral |

The following are often used within the sexual history taking but there is an adjacent key within System One.

| | |
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| O | Oral |
| A | Anal |
| V | Vaginal |
| G | Given |
| R | Received |
| AI | Anal Insertive |
| AR | Anal Receptive |

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