

Monkey Pox Pathway - A Guide for Health and Care Professionals

A member of the public has been a contact of someone with Monkey Pox and/or has symptoms of the virus

A member of the public contacts 111, their GP practice or Out of Hours Service

Telephone call to national helpline (tel. 0333 2423 672)
Recommended

Member of the public is unaware of the process and presents themselves at MIU, Emergency Department or Sexual Health/HIV clinics (**Advised to call first**)

Check case meets case definition for possible or probable case
[Monkeypox: case definitions - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](http://www.gov.uk)

Attends GP Practice, MIU or Emergency Department, Sexual Health/HIV clinics for clinical assessment and swabs (if required). Patient to go into single room
[Monkeypox: diagnostic testing - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](http://www.gov.uk)

Microbiology MUST be contacted after the patient has been seen, but before swabs are taken.

- 9am – 5pm weekdays 01823 343765
- 5pm and 8pm weekdays 01823 333444 and ask for the on-call microbiologist
- 9am – 8pm weekends and bank holidays 01823 333444 and ask for the on-call microbiologist
- 8pm – 9am If clinically well not requiring admission, discuss with microbiology the next day from 9am
- If clinically unwell requiring admission the patient will follow the inpatient pathway.

Microbiology will liaise with the Imported Fever Service on 0344 2250602

Well patients presenting in the community may be discussed with UKHSA clinical helpline 0300 303 8162

If clinically well and no admission required, return home to isolate and await test results

Test results negative. No further action required

Test results positive. Person requested to self-isolate at home and they will be contacted by UKHSA for risk assessment of contacts. They will be required to isolate until all lesions are healed and scabs have fallen off.

[Guidance: Principles for monkeypox control in the UK: 4 nations consensus statement](#)