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URGENT COMMUNICATION

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To: Directors of Public Health
Medical Directors of Acute Trusts (for onward
transmission to GUM Clinic Staff)

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Dear Colleague

**HARLEY STREET WELLMAN CLINIC, 57 HARLEY STREET, LONDON
W1G 8QS**

Attached is information from Dr Margaret Guy FFPH, FRCPCH, MRCP, MSc, Director of Public Health/Medical Director, Westminster Primary Care Trust on Harley Street Wellman Clinic, 57 Harley Street, London. Please forward to GUM Clinic Staff in case they receive any calls from patients about this matter.

Yours sincerely

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To: Directors of Public Health (for onward transmission to General Practitioners)
Medical Directors of Acute Trusts (for onward transmission to GUM/STD Clinic Staff)

Dear Colleague

Harley Street Wellman Clinic, 57 Harley Street, London W1G 8QS

Following a complaint from a patient attending the Harley Street Wellman Clinic, 57 Harley Street, London W1G 8QS (*not to be confused with the WellMan Clinic, 32 Weymouth Street, London W1G 7BU*), the Healthcare Commission are investigating this unregistered clinic.

During their investigation the Healthcare Commission have discovered that a man calling himself **Dr Jameel Ashraf (also known as Dr Jameel)**, who worked in the clinic between 1 August 2002 and 31 December 2003, was not registered with the General Medical Council. **He may therefore have provided medical treatment he was not lawfully able to provide.** The Police are now investigating this further.

The clinic was known to offer a variety of services, including screening for and treatment of sexually transmitted diseases; HIV testing; psychosexual counselling; the provision of advice and treatment for impotence and erectile dysfunction. Dr Ashraf also administered prescription only medicines, such as Viagra.

The clinic advertised its services in the *Metro*, the free newspaper distributed through underground stations in London. We have therefore decided to place a health alert in the *Metro* advising patients who attended the clinic over the last two years to seek further advice from their GP or to ring NHS Direct for advice. NHS Direct may advise callers to attend their local GUM/STD Clinic. **You may therefore be contacted by a patient who has attended the Harley Street Wellman Clinic.** A copy of the advert is attached.

Yours sincerely



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Enc: Advert placed in the Metro

Health Alert

**Harley Street Wellman Clinic
57 Harley Street, LONDON, W1G 8QS**

**Not to be confused with
the Well Man Clinic, 32 Weymouth Street, London W1G 7BU**

Have you attended the Harley Street Wellman Clinic in the last two years?

If so, you need to know that a doctor calling himself **Dr Jameel Ashraf (also known as Dr Jameel)**, who worked in the clinic between 1 August 2002 and 31 December 2003, was not registered with the General Medical Council. He may therefore have provided medical treatment he was not lawfully able to provide.

If you have any concerns, please seek further advice from your GP or phone NHS Direct, a 24 hour help line, on 020 8676 7411.