

## **Emergence of new Mpox variant**

We understand there are some concerns regarding a new variant of Mpox and recent developments in the spread of this infection in Africa.

To date, there have been no reported cases in the UK.

At present, we will assess everyone individually according to their travel history and any symptoms they may have, and we will test for Mpox if indicated.

If you have had x2 Mpox / Smallpox vaccines in your lifetime, you will be fully vaccinated. We are aware that you can still obtain vaccines from some London clinics, but we do not have any supplies here in Dorset and are waiting to hear from the UK Health Security Agency what the plan is for future vaccination.

Once we have more information, this will continue to be uploaded to our website and social media platforms.

For further information please go to: [Joint statement from the British HIV Association \(BHIVA\) and the British Association for Sexual Health and HIV \(BASHH\) regarding the emergence of new mpox variant | BASHH.](#)