

A free service that turns a recent STI test into something people can quietly rely on.

Clean Sheets is a free, installable web app for adults in the United Kingdom. A person takes an STI test through an existing free service, uploads the result, and holds a verified "green tick" for ninety days. Before meeting a new partner, they may enter that partner's mobile number and will see a tick only if the other person also holds a current one. No one can look without a tick of their own, and no one is ever told they have been looked up. The purpose is to remove the single conversation that most people avoid, while keeping the test that conversation was meant to prompt.

The problem, in the commissioner's terms

334,151

new STI diagnoses in England in 2025

119,033

of those among 15 to 24 year olds, more than a third

63,943

gonorrhoea diagnoses, with 8,262 of infectious syphilis

-9.4%

chlamydia tests among under-25s, year on year

Source: UK Health Security Agency, Sexually transmitted infections in England: 2025 report, published June 2026.

Testing in England has never been more accessible: free postal kits, results by text, clinic capacity in most areas. Uptake nonetheless fell faster than diagnoses. Our reading is that the remaining barrier is behavioural rather than logistical. The question "have you been tested?" arrives at the least convenient moment, reads as either an accusation or a proposition, and is therefore rarely asked. Clean Sheets is designed to make the answer available without the question.

How the service works

1**Test and upload**

The person tests through an existing commissioned or private service. They upload a photograph of the result and of photo identification. Software reads both; a member of our team reviews anything unclear. Both photographs are deleted once a decision is made, typically within minutes.

2**Hold a tick**

If the result is clean, recent, and the names match, the person holds a green tick for ninety days from the test date. The tick records the date and the panel tested, nothing else. It expires automatically, which makes repeat testing the default rather than the exception.

3**Check, privately**

A tick-holder enters another person's mobile number. If that person also holds a current tick, one is shown. Every other case, whether untested, expired, unregistered, blocked or positive, returns the same empty result. The person checked is never notified.

Four safeguards, enforced in code rather than policy

No tick, no lookup.

Every check requires a valid tick on the caller's side. There is no way to observe others without first being tested oneself.

A lookup leaves no trace.

Nothing links the person who checked to the person checked, in the database or in the logs. We could not disclose this history to anyone, because it does not exist.

Absence of a tick carries no meaning.

All non-tick outcomes are indistinguishable to the caller, by design and by test. The service cannot be used to infer that someone has tested positive.

A positive result is never displayed.

To anyone, including the person who uploaded it. It simply yields no tick, and the person is directed to their testing service for care.

What it offers the health system

Outcome	Mechanism
Demand for existing services	Every tick begins with a test taken through a commissioned or private provider. The app does not test, diagnose or treat; it refers.
Repeat testing by design	Ticks expire at ninety days. The incentive to retest is social and continuous rather than campaign-driven.
Reach into the highest-incidence group	The product is built for adults aged 18 to 30, who account for the largest share of new diagnoses and the steepest fall in testing.
Measurement without surveillance	We report aggregates only: ticks issued, retest rate, referral clicks by region. No individual-level data is shared with anyone.

Evidence and evaluation

The service is live and in use. We hold no outcome data yet and will claim none until an independent party has measured it. We propose a twelve-month pilot in one area with a local authority, integrated care board or sexual health service, measuring referral uplift and retest rates against baseline, with a university or public health team holding the analysis. We will publish the result whether or not it favours us.

Governance and data protection

- **Lawful basis.** Health data is processed under explicit consent, given on screen at upload and recorded with a version. Consent can be withdrawn in one step, which removes the tick and everything read from the photographs.
- **Assessment.** A Data Protection Impact Assessment, a record of processing and a breach procedure are in place and maintained with the code. A public summary is at cleansheets.fyi/data-protection.
- **Data held.** A salted hash of the phone number, the test date and panel, the name on the identity document, and consent metadata. Photographs are deleted on decision. Nothing is retained about who looked up whom.
- **Hosting.** Database, storage and application servers in Frankfurt. Processors: Vercel, Neon, Google (document reading only, no model training on our data) and an SMS provider for sign-in codes.
- **Boundaries.** Not a dating service, not a medical device, not a diagnostic. A tick is evidence that a recent test read as clean, not a statement about anyone's present health, and the service says so at every step.
- **Misuse.** Pressuring anyone to hold or show a tick is named as misuse in the terms and is grounds for removal. Block lists and an invite-only mode exist so that no one can be made visible against their wishes.

What we are asking for

A verified-results partner

One testing service willing to pass results to the app by reference number, with the person's consent, so that no one need photograph anything.

A regional pilot

Twelve months, one area, with a public health team or sexual health service as sponsor. We will fund the build and the operation; we ask for access and a shared evaluation.

An evaluation partner and modest funding

A university or public health team to own the analysis, and support for early-adopter kits, the evaluation itself and one full-time post.

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