Having swabs taken

Information for patients
This booklet uses easy words and pictures.

You might want to ask someone to help you read it.

Medical staff might want to check whether you are poorly or not.

They might do this using a swab.
The swab might be rubbed inside your mouth till its wet.

A new swab will be used to rub in your nose.

A new swab will be used under your armpit too.

A new swab will be used in your groin area too.
None of the swabs hurt but they might feel uncomfortable.

It will take 2 minutes or less.

The swabs will go to be checked, then the nurse will be able to tell you what’s making you poorly.

This takes around 1 day.