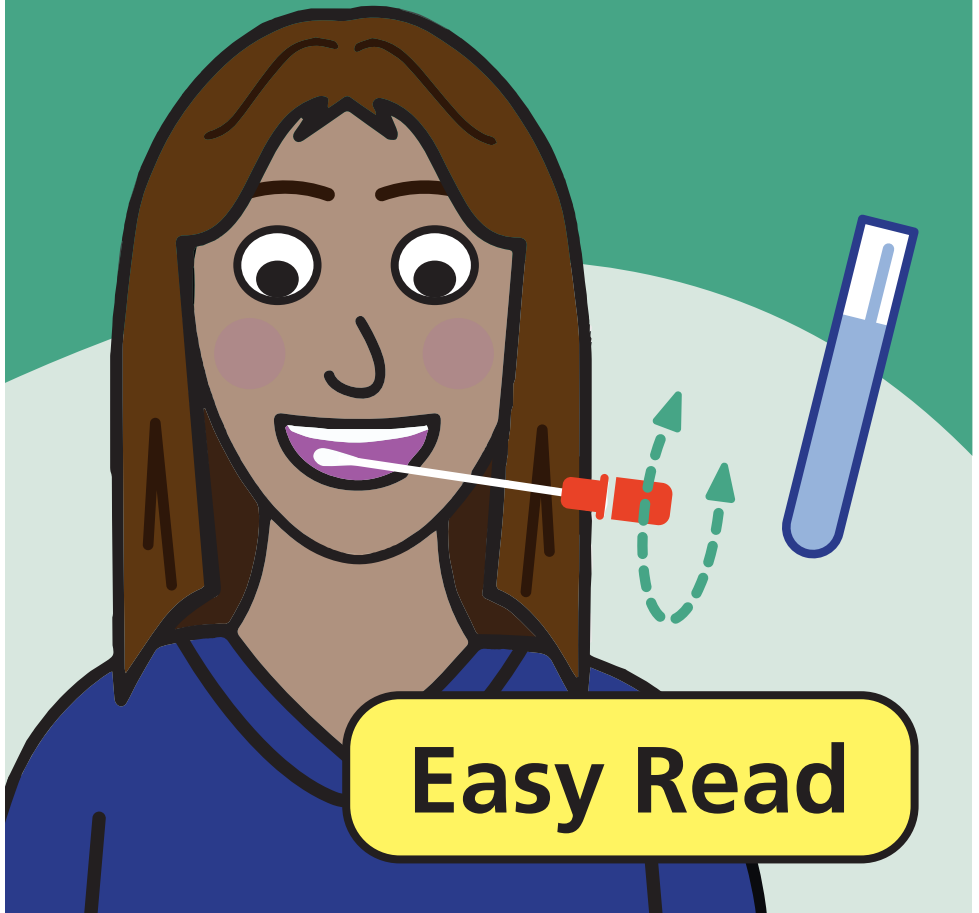


# Having swabs taken

Information for patients



**Easy Read**

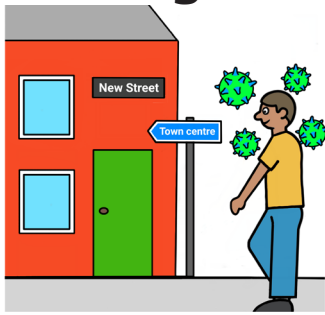
## easy read



This booklet uses easy words and pictures.

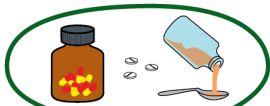
You might want to ask someone to help you read it.

## bugs



Every patient is checked to see if they are carrying any infections.

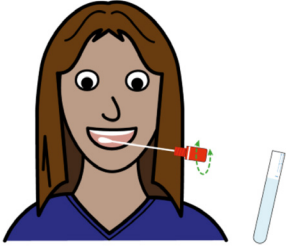
People can carry and spread bugs without even knowing.



They use a swab to check for bugs.

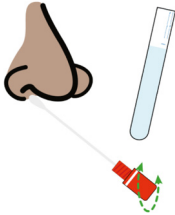
If you have an infection, the swabs can tell the doctors what medicines might help.

## swab mouth



Staff will swab inside your mouth.

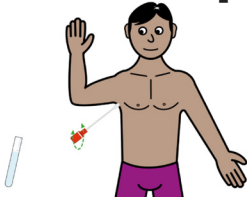
## swab nose



Or put the swab in your nose and rub it against the inside of your nostrils.

This can feel uncomfortable.

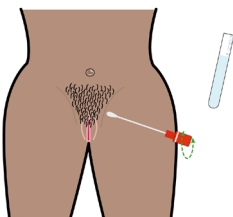
## swab armpit



Or under your armpit

This can tickle.

## swab groin



Or in your groin area.

A new swab is used for each area.

**uncomfortable**



**testing**



**Get me? Get Me Better!**  
Get better information at every encounter



**Hospital Passport**



My name is

I like to be called

This is uncomfortable but it does not last long.

Please tell staff if you need reasonable adjustments to manage this.

The swabs are tested in a lab.

You will be told the results and if you need any treatment.

If you have a Learning Disability or Autism diagnosis please complete a Health Passport and return it to the Learning Disability and Autism team on: [leedsth-tr.l autism@nhs.net](mailto:leedsth-tr.l autism@nhs.net)

