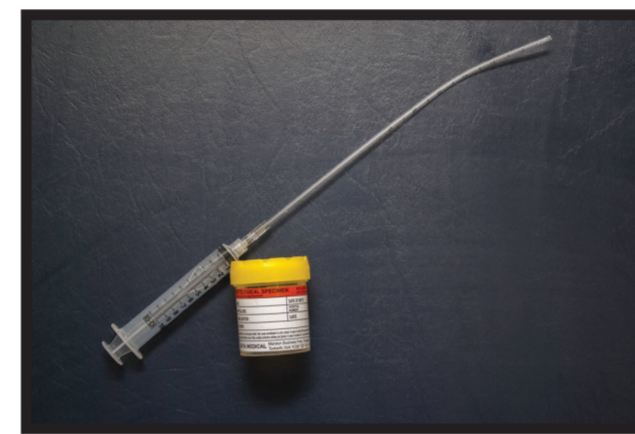


Additional diagnostics available at Oxleas Community Gynaecology Service

The Oxleas Community Gynaecology Service aims to provide a 'One Stop Shop' Service for women with gynaecological problems. This includes the availability of diagnostics, traditionally available only in secondary care, and insertion of the Mirena™ Intrauterine System when required.

Endometrial biopsy

NICE Guidance recommends that women over the age of 45 years with heavy menstrual bleeding, women with persistent inter-menstrual bleeding and women with risk factors for endometrial cancer e.g. PCOS, obesity, diabetes and family history should have an endometrial biopsy. We can do this at our clinics without the need to be refer to secondary care.



Vulval biopsy

Women may need a vulval biopsy taken for confirmation of skin pathology or investigation of suspicious lesions. We can do this under local anaesthetic. In addition, small vulvovaginal abnormalities e.g. scar tissue and papillomas, can be excised.



Cervical polypectomy

We can do polypectomy and cautery of cervical ectropions. This does not always require local anaesthetic but this can be undertaken if required.



Insertion of HRT implants

Production of HRT implants has been halted in the UK for financial reasons. However, several women still find this their optimum form of HRT. The service has estradiol HRT implants available which have been sourced through the British Menopause Society.



Ultrasound scanning

Whilst it is recommended that diagnostic scanning is undertaken before attendance at the service, ultrasound scanning is available to facilitate procedures e.g. removal of lost IUDs under ultrasound guidance and to guide difficult intrauterine procedures. Both doctors are able to perform ultrasound scans.

