

# MONKEYPOX

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## **What is monkeypox?**

Monkeypox is a rare viral infection.

There have been a small number of confirmed cases of monkeypox in the UK. Although it can affect anyone, the majority of cases have been among gay and bisexual men.

## **What are the symptoms?**

Symptoms include fever, headache, muscle aches, backache, swollen glands, chills and exhaustion.

Unexpected or unusual spots,

ulcers and blisters can develop anywhere on the body.

## **What should I do?**

If you think you may have symptoms, or have come into close contact with someone who has monkeypox call your sexual health clinic.

The NHS will be offering a vaccine to gay and bisexual men who are most likely to be exposed to monkeypox.

You should wait to be contacted. If you are eligible, your local sexual health clinic will let you know.