



The pill will not protect you from sexually transmitted infections. Condoms will. Use a condom when having sex.



You can get condoms free from Sexual Health Clinics or some GPs in Forth Valley. You can also buy them from shops or pharmacies.

Call the Clinic Information Line 01786 433697 or check the website for local clinic times.

www.centralsexualhealth.org

Remember that it is your choice if you want to have sex or not.

You should never have sex if you don't want to.

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Please call 01324 590870 (Monday – Friday 8am to 5pm), fax 01324 590867 or email nhsfv-alternativeformats@nhs.net

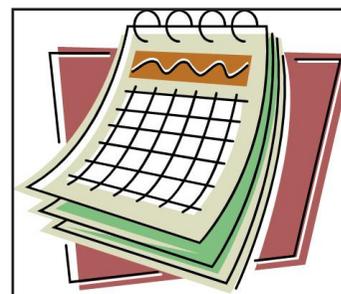
What you need to know about

The Combined Pill





The pill is a contraceptive.



The pill is taken for 21 days in a row. That is three full weeks.

The pills are usually in packets of 21 and have the days of the week on them. This makes it easier to remember to take.

You should take it at the same time every day.



A woman takes the pill to reduce her chances of getting pregnant.



After a packet is finished you do not take any tablets for 7 days. This is when you will have a period.

Don't worry if it is lighter than usual or there is no bleeding - this is normal.



The pill is prescribed by a GP or at the sexual health clinic.



When you are taking the pill it is important to have your blood pressure taken.

This will be done when you go for your next packet of pills.