Taking the HIV test : why? / Camden & Islington Gay Men's Team ; illustration by Mark Blann.

Contributors

Blann, Mark
Camden & Islington Gay Men's Team.
Camden Primary Care Trust.

Publication/Creation

London, Camden Primary Care Trust, [2003]

Persistent URL

https://wellcomecollection.org/works/zarnvppv

License and attribution

Conditions of use: it is possible this item is protected by copyright and/or related rights. You are free to use this item in any way that is permitted by the copyright and related rights legislation that applies to your use. For other uses you need to obtain permission from the rights-holder(s).

TAKING THE HIV TEST

WHY?

1 in 5 PEOPLE WITH HIV who **DIED** between 1998 and 2000 in London HAD ONLY **FOUND OUT THEY WERE HIV-POSITIVE** less than three months before their **DEATH.**

CAMDEN & ISLINGTON GAY MEN'S TEAM

part of LONDON GAY MEN'S HIV Prevention Partnership

Camden **NHS** Primary Care Trust

1 in 5 people with HIV who died between 1998 and 2000 in London had only found out they were HIV-positive less than three months before their death. This means that they were so ill when they got their diagnosis that it was too late for medication to be of benefit. Some people die from HIV illness without even knowing that they are HIV-positive.*

The majority of people admitted to hospital with AIDS-related illness did not know they were HIV-positive until they fell ill.**

If you take the HIV test and the result is negative, it will set your mind at rest — you will know that you have not been infected with HIV.

Buy condoms and lube at great prices online at... freedoms-shop.com

* source: Modernising HIV Services in London
** source: aidsmap (www.aidsmap.com)

www.metromate.org.uk   MetroM8

This is one of a series of six postcards adapted from an exhibition entitled ALL ABOUT HIV+, which was produced by Camden & Islington Gay Men's Team. For more details phone 020 7530 3911

The illustration overleaf, by Mark Blann, is a stylised representation of an HIV antibody. Antibodies are special proteins in the bloodstream which are tailored to fight a specific virus or other infection.