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IF YOU ARE HAVING A BLOOD TEST...

The Government is measuring the spread of HIV infection (the virus which causes AIDS). The information collected will help us to plan services for the future. We hope you will be willing to participate.

If you are having blood taken, a small drop of leftover blood **may** be separately tested for HIV. This drop will not have your name on it. If your blood is tested for HIV it will be impossible to trace it back to you, and participation will not affect your care, treatment, job or insurance.

If you have any questions, or object to your leftover blood being used for this, the doctor, nurse or midwife will be happy to speak to you in confidence. Your wishes will be respected.

If you are worried about HIV and want to have a personal HIV test, ask your doctor, or go to the nearest sexually transmitted disease (STD) clinic.

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