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IF YOU OR YOUR BABY ARE HAVING

A BLOOD OR URINE TEST

We are measuring the spread of HIV infection (the virus which causes AIDS). We are doing this by testing the blood or urine of some patients and the blood of some babies under the care of some hospitals and clinics. The information collected will help us plan services, and we hope you will be willing to take part.

If you or your baby are having a blood sample taken, or if you are having a urine sample taken, a small leftover drop may be separately tested for HIV. This sample will not have a name on it and if it is tested for HIV it will be impossible to trace it back to you or your baby. Testing leftover blood or urine will not affect the care or treatment of your baby, nor will it have any effect on your job or insurance.

If you have any questions, or if you object to your own or your baby's leftover blood or urine being used for this purpose, 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 test so that you can know the result, please ask your clinic doctor or GP or go to your local sexually transmitted disease (STD) clinic.

If you have any questions about HIV and AIDS, or would like to talk to a trained adviser, you can call the National AIDS Helpline on 0800 567 123. The Helpline operates 24 hours a day. All calls are free of charge from anywhere in the UK.

This leaflet is available in English, Arabic, Chinese, Greek, Turkish, and Bengali, Gujerati, Hindi, Punjabi and Urdu.

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