

# **WOULD YOU LIKE AN HIV TEST?**



**It's only a simple blood test.  
Don't you want to know you are  
OK?**

In Manchester it is estimated that 1 in 200 people are infected.

Many are unaware of their infection and only find out when they become seriously ill.

HIV infection is now easy to treat with modern effective drugs so we are now recommending testing our patients, to ensure that no one misses out on the best care.

If you are HIV positive it is much better to know, and have treatment, sooner.

There is a "window period" with HIV which means that if you have picked up the virus in the last three months it may not be detected in the blood test, so you may want to re-test three months after if you feel you may be at risk.

Any of the doctors, nurses or healthcare assistant will be happy to advise you how this can be done.

We will contact you if the test is positive, so please ensure that we have your correct details.