

## **Frequently asked questions relating to tests**

### **What test would my child need to have?**

We are offering a blood test for Hepatitis B, Hepatitis C, and HIV infection. This test can be done at the clinics that have been established. Because infection with blood borne viruses may take a number of weeks to develop, a second blood test may be needed up to three months from the time of the exposure.

### **My child's first blood test was negative why do I need another blood test?**

It is reassuring that the first blood test result is negative. For some children they will need only one test as the time they visited the clinic was more than 3 months ago. For others, a second test is recommended. For these children the likelihood of infection is extremely low but to be absolutely sure we suggest that a further blood test is taken three months after your child's last dental clinic appointment.

### **When I got my result phone call I was told that I should go to my GP for the follow up blood test, why has this changed?**

We will be sending you a blood test request form, if your child requires a second test, so that you can take this directly to a Lab Test Collection Centre nearby; we hope that parents will find this more convenient so that a GP visit is not required. Hospital staff will be reviewing all results and will write you a letter when these results are available. A copy of this letter will also be sent to your GP.

### **Which children will require a booster vaccination for Hepatitis B?**

A booster vaccination will be recommended for all children who have not followed their full immunisation schedule for Hepatitis B.

If you have any further questions please contact your GP or Healthline.