

## **HIV Testing UK**

**More people than ever before are living with HIV in the UK but more than a quarter do not know they have it, figures show.**

The number of estimated cases rose **by 8% between 2007 and 2008**, says the Health Protection Agency.

But it is thought **22,000 of the 83,000 people with HIV do not know they are infected.**

The Terrence Higgins Trust said the high levels of undiagnosed HIV were "completely unacceptable".

There has also been an increase **in HIV testing with 100,000 more tests done at sexual health clinics in 2008 than the previous year.**

**Late diagnosis is also a problem with 32% of adults in 2008 diagnosed past the point at which treatment should already have begun.**

In **43 local authorities in England with higher than average HIV rates, health professionals should routinely offer testing to all men and women aged 15 to 59 years** who are registering in general practice or admitted for medical care.

Over **22,000 people remain unaware** of their HIV infection in the UK and cannot therefore benefit from effective treatment.

### **More tests needed' as HIV total rises**

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## **Northern Echo newspaper**

THE number of people being treated for HIV in the region has **risen for the second year running**, amid calls for more people to come forward for tests.

The Health Protection Agency (HPA) revealed that there has been an **eight per cent increase in the number of people being treated for HIV in the North-East.**

In 2008, there were **1,086 people living in the North-East receiving HIV-related health care, compared to 1,012 people in 2007.**

The report also shows that 129 new diagnoses of HIV were reported in the North-East in 2008, compared to 152 new cases in 2007.

There was an even bigger increase in the number of people being treated for HIV in Yorkshire and the Humber – with the 2008 total of 3,116 representing a 14 per cent increase on the previous year's figure.