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Dear «e0title» «e0surname»

The Chlamydia Screening Study - ClaSS

I am writing to tell you about the Chlamydia Screening Study (ClaSS). Our practice is taking part in this large project with researchers at the Universities of Bristol and Birmingham and the Public Health Laboratory Service.

Your name has been selected at random from our practice list of all patients aged 16 to 39 years to take part in this important research. This means that you have been selected completely by chance. The enclosed leaflets tell you about Chlamydia and about the study. Your study pack will be delivered to your home in the next few weeks.

People often do not know that they have Chlamydia because it usually causes no symptoms at all. Chlamydia is easily treated, but it can lead to serious complications if left untreated. The government is considering introducing a national screening programme for Chlamydia and the NHS has asked us to undertake a research study to find out how best to do this.

We hope you will agree to take part *even if you think that you are unlikely to have this infection*. It is important for the research that we get a wide variety of people taking part. You are, however, free to decide whether or not to take part; this decision will not affect your medical care in any way.

This is a very important study and your contribution counts. If you need any further information please contact Anne McCarthy, Project Manager on 0117 928 7275.

Yours sincerely



Dr P Y Kalfayan on behalf of all partners at The Family Practice

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