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Dear «e0title» «e0surname»

## The Chlamydia Screening Study

I am writing to invite you again to take part in the Chlamydia Screening Study (*ClasS*). We first wrote to you about this a number of weeks ago. If you have already replied to the original letter, please ignore this, and accept our apologies for troubling you again. The original pack we previously sent you included information about our study and your part in it. If you have not yet replied we would be very grateful if you would, even if you feel that you are not at risk of this infection. This is a very important study and your contribution counts.

***Chlamydia is an infection passed from person to person, usually through sexual intercourse. It is easily treated, but if left untreated can lead to serious complications. Unfortunately most people do not realise they have been infected until they develop these complications. This is why the government is considering introducing a national screening programme for Chlamydia.***

Before introducing a national programme we need to find out more. You have been selected by computer to take part in this important research. We would like you to:

1. Read the enclosed information about Chlamydia and about *ClasS*.
2. If you want to take part, sign the consent forms (keeping a copy for yourself).
3. Complete the short questionnaire.
4. Follow the instructions on taking a sample to be tested for Chlamydia.
5. Put the sample, the questionnaire and the consent form in the freepost envelope provided and post the envelope.

Most people will be contacted by post with their test result and will not have to do anything further. We will also be asking some people to help us in additional parts of the *ClasS* study. If you are one of these people you will be invited to the surgery where you will receive your test result. Treatment will be arranged for anybody with a positive test result.

Please call Freephone 0800 975 9985 if you would like to know more before deciding whether to take part. If you decide that you do not want to take part, could you please fill in the enclosed form (marked 'Non-participation') and return it in the study pack. In this way we will know that you have received the package.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'T. Kemple' followed by a horizontal line.

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