

Our practice offers a new service to test for latent tuberculosis (LTB)

If you have latent TB that would mean there are TB germs in your body that are ‘**asleep**’. You are not ill and you cannot pass TB on to others. However, the germs may ‘**wake up**’ in the future, making you ill with active TB.

Good news: Latent TB can be treated to prevent this happening. There is a **BLOOD TEST** to find this out. To find out if you are eligible to have the test, you need to answer the following questions:

- **Have you arrived in the UK within the last 5 years?** Yes No
- **Are you between 16 and 35 years old?** Yes No
- **Have you settled from a country where TB is more common (see table below)?** Yes No
- **Have you spent more than 6 months in a country where TB is more common?** Yes No

The following countries are considered to have high incidence of tuberculosis:

Afghanistan	DR Congo	Liberia	Philippines
Angola	Djibouti	Madagascar	Republic of Moldova
Bangladesh	Equatorial Guinea	Malawi	Rwanda
Benin	Eritrea	Mali	Sao Tome & Principe
Bhutan	Ethiopia	Marshall Islands	Senegal
Botswana	Gabon	Mauritania	Seychelles
Burkina Faso	Gambia	Mauritius	Sierra Leone
Burundi	Ghana	Micronesia	Somalia
Cote d'Ivoire	Greenland	Mongolia	South Africa
Cabo Verde	Guinea	Mozambique	South Sudan
Cambodia	Guinea-Bissau	Myanmar	Swaziland
Cameroon	Haiti	Namibia	Timor-Leste
Central African Republic	India	Nepal	Togo
Chad	Indonesia	Niger	Tuvalu
Comoros	Kenya	Nigeria	Uganda
Congo	Kiribati	Pakistan	UR Tanzania
DRP Korea	Laos PDR	Papua New Guinea	Zambia

If you answered YES to all of the above questions, you may have latent TB.

We would like to offer you the latent TB test. Please call the Practice on **0207 515 4860**. The Latent TB BLOOD TEST can be taken Monday – Thursday AM only.

Public Health England (PHE) would like to share data about this programme, so they can understand how effective it is. We will share your data with Public Health England **unless you tell us not to**. You can still have the test if you do not want to share your data.

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