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Dear [name]

**Free latent tuberculosis (TB) testing and treatment**

[Option 1] We would like to invite you to contact the surgery on [Practice telephone number] to arrange an appointment for a free latent TB blood test.

[Option 2] We have made an appointment for you at the practice on: [date] at [time] for a free latent TB blood test. You can contact the practice on [telephone number] to arrange an alternative appointment or if you have any questions.

This is an important test because, even if you feel well at the moment, you might have latent TB which could make you ill in the future. If you do have latent TB, there is treatment to help protect you from getting ill from TB in the future.

We are inviting you because you recently arrived in England from a country where there is a lot of TB. This means you are more likely to have latent TB in your body without knowing it.

This is a different test to the chest x-ray you might have had to obtain your visa to come to the UK. The x-ray could only tell if you were ill with TB at the time – it did not show if you have latent TB, which could make you ill in future.

Your appointment will include a blood test and a few questions to understand your particular risks from TB. It will take about 10 minutes. The results of the test will be available within [x weeks] from your [surgery/local TB service]. If the result is positive you will be offered the treatment and support you need to help prevent you becoming ill from TB in the future.

**Latent TB testing and treatment is free and confidential. The results will not be shared outside the health service.**

Please read the information leaflet included with this letter. More information and support is also available from:

* The surgery on: [Surgery tel no]
* *The Truth About TB* website: [www.thetruthabout**tb**.org/latent-tb](http://www.thetruthabouttb.org/latent-tb)
* NHS choices: [www.nhs.uk/Conditions/Tuberculosis](http://www.nhs.uk/Conditions/Tuberculosis)

We look forward to hearing from you soon.

[Surgery sign-off]