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Hospital tests hundreds of mums

By DYMPHNA BRACKEN

OVER 500 women have to date attended at the special blood testing clinic set up by the Blood Transfusion Service at Limerick Regional Maternity Hospital on Tuesday following the hepatitis C alert.

The clinics will continue next week.

On Monday February 28 there will be a special testing clinic at the Community Centre in Newport from 7 to 9pm in conjunction with the blood donation clinic.

And on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday March 1, 2, 3, the special testing clinic will continue at the Regional Maternity Hospital from 7 to 9pm each evening and on Friday afternoon between 2 and 4pm.

Women may also have the test carried out by their own doctor free of charge.

Detta Sadlier, blood donor organiser in the Mid-West, said she felt that the Blood Transfusion Service had done a very good job in the circumstances.

"Our priority was the concerned women and to

First choice for 90%+ of pupils

By JIMMY WOULFE

ALL but 69 of 2,000 city students seeking places in the 16 secondary schools in Limerick were being sent invitations this Friday.

More than 90 per cent will be getting into their first choice school, Thomas Hardy, PRO for the Principals and Assistant Principals Association, revealed. "We are very pleased," he said.

A further 49 students living outside the city who sought to get into city schools will be told to seek enrolment in county schools.

Mr Hardy said that they expected that the 69 unplaced students would be dramatically reduced by some duplication and by people accepting places in boarding schools and families moving away from the city in the meantime.

The duplication arises as Crescent College and St Enda's did not participate in the central



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placement scheme with the other 14 schools. These two schools are also sending out their invitations this Friday.

"There will obviously be some duplication with people getting places in these two schools and who will also get places in one of the other 14. So this will help reduce the figure of 69 without a place," said Mr Hardy.

"The bottom line is that there are approximately 100 boys unplaced of whom 40 are from outside the city. There are 18

girls unplaced of whom nine are from outside the city. So we have 69 boys and girls in city primary schools unplaced. We estimate that because of St Enda's and Crescent operating outside the centralised system, there are about 50 places duplicated and we feel the remainder will get places with minor movements.

"We are very pleased and the parents will get their notices in the post on Monday. They will have to accept by March 4 and we will be meeting again on March 8 to review the situation."

He said that the addition of the new Edmund Rice School had helped alleviate the placement problem this year.

"Parents are now being more realistic when opting for schools and they are using the system which has been put in place. There was a 'flavour of the month' situation which has now gone," he said.

Limerick loses 31 more jobs

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