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IN NUMBERS

Test tube babies

Children born through IVF are six times more likely to suffer high blood pressure than naturally conceived children, says a new study.

20,000

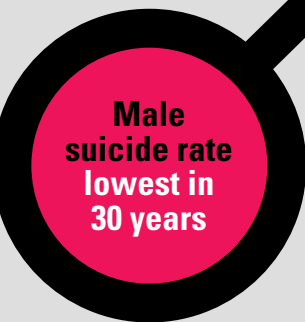
Around 20,000 babies are born through IVF in Britain each year.

40YRS

The oldest test-tube baby, Louise Brown, is only 40 years old, which means that the long-term impact of fertility treatment is still unknown.



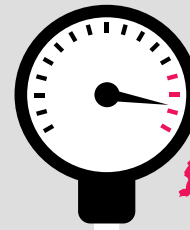
4,383



Male suicide rate lowest in 30 years

In 2017, there were 4,383 male suicides and the rate was 15.5 per 100,000 men.

This is a fall from 20 per 100,000 men in the late 1980s, shows data from the Office for National Statistics.



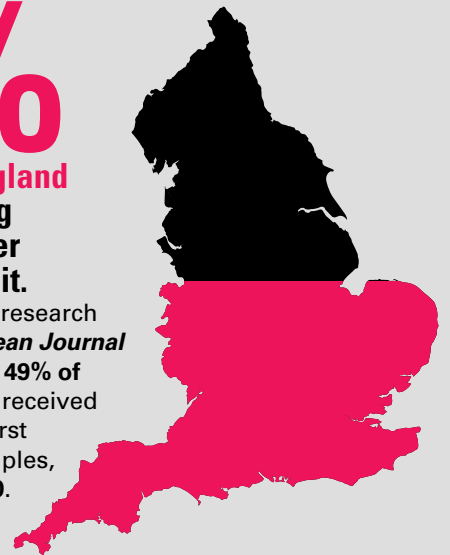
96

Researchers in Switzerland who studied 96 teenagers found that **one in seven** who were born through assisted reproduction had clinically high blood pressure by the age of 16, compared with just 2.3% of those born naturally.

51%

Half of those in England sent a home-testing kit for bowel cancer in 2015 did not use it.

The figure comes from research published in the *European Journal of Cancer*. In 2015, only 49% of people aged 60-64 who received a home test kit for the first time returned their samples, down from 53% in 2010.



1.4bn at risk



A global total of 1.4bn people are not doing enough physical exercise, according to a new WHO report.

It says that one in four people is at risk of health problems due to a lack of physical exercise. Researchers looked at self-reported data on activity from 358 population-based surveys in 168 countries.

