

## A QUICK QUESTION

**Would you like to help the Irish Blood Transfusion Service help Cancer Patients?** There are very few families in Ireland that remain unaffected by Cancer, we all know someone be it your Mother, your Father, Brother, Sister, Son, Daughter, a Friend of the family or a Colleague who has been directly affected by Cancer.

Did you know that you can save lives by donating platelets?

Platelets are small blood cells that help the blood to clot; they are present in the blood of all healthy people. Platelets are needed every day in hospitals throughout the Island of Ireland. Platelets are an essential part of treatment for many patients suffering from leukaemia or cancer, patients who need bone marrow transplants and sometimes they are needed for new born babies.

The Irish Blood Transfusion Service needs more donors to supply platelets for sick patients. They also need all of us to pass on information about platelet donation to people who may be able to donate. Donation is simple; it takes between 45 minutes and 70 minutes of your time. Within this short time a platelet donor can **save** up to **THREE lives** and this is why we would like you to consider becoming a platelet donor, or ask a friend or relative to consider platelet donation.

If someone you know would be prepared to help save lives and give platelets, please ask them to contact the Irish Blood Transfusion Service on 01 432 2833      01 432 2833      or visit the IBTS website.

You can also contact the Platelet Clinic, National Blood Centre, James's Street, PO Box 97, Business Reply, Dublin 8 and there is no stamp required if you post the letter within the Republic of Ireland