Aids test kit ,faces ,ban

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Britain is to ban sales of cheap

do-it-yourself HIV test kits because

of fears that people could

commit suicide if the test proves

. positive.

The kits which test saliva and

urine can sell for as little as £10.

They are however not known for

their complete reliability and Department

of Health officials are

advising people to get tested in a

recognised clinic The tests were developed by

the Public Health Laboratory

Service in collaboration with ,

Wellcome according to *The*

*Guardian* newspaper.

Wellcome is the giant pharmaceuticals

companx which last

year sold £177 million worth of

AZT, recognised as the first-line

drug treatment for Aids .

Mr Nick Partridge from the

1'errence Higgins Trust Aids

charity said: "Home diagnosis of

a terminal illness does carry huge

.risks. (Agencies)