

HEALTH NOTES: How your blood can show if you are lonely

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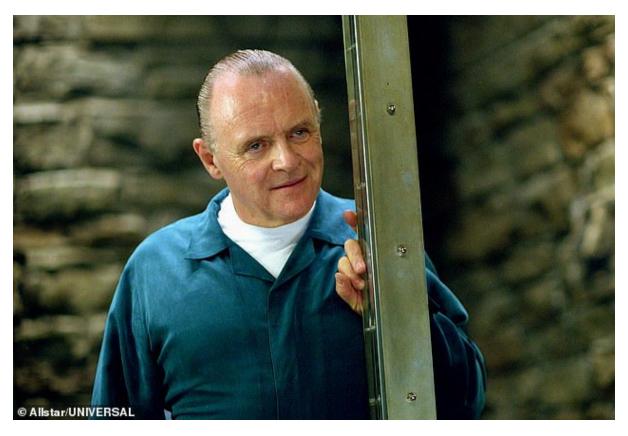
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Why Lecter was a psychopath...

The brains of psychopaths are structurally different from those without psychopathic traits.

Using MRI scanners, scientists examined 120 people and found that an area of the brain called the striatum was ten per cent larger, on average, in adults with psychopathic tendencies.



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Olivia Choy, at the Nanyang Technological University in Singapore, said: 'There can be differences in biology, in this case, the size of brain structures, between antisocial and non-antisocial individuals.'

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