

## **Coronavirus – FAST (Find and Stop Transmission) Testing Privacy Notice**

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**Please note:** the following notice provides additional privacy information to [the Bolton Council privacy notice](#).

The council and Bolton Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) are working together with the Department for Health and Social Care (DHSC) and NHS Test and Trace Service to support coronavirus (COVID-19) testing. You will be able to access a lateral flow test (a FAST test) at a number of sites across the borough.

There are a number of organisations who may be supporting the testing process and they could include the armed forces or local voluntary sector organisations.

These tests are primarily designed for people who do not have symptoms of coronavirus (asymptomatic testing) and as the tests do not have to be sent away to a laboratory to be analysed, the results are available more quickly. Testing is important to help us to prevent the spread of COVID-19 and is a tried and tested method for public health to control the spread of infectious diseases.

Lateral flow tests are available for:

- People who cannot work from home or have caring responsibilities which mean they are near people they do not live with
- Frontline staff – we see these as those who are out working directly with other people. Examples could be in health, social care, supermarkets or essential retail, takeaways, taxi drivers, or childcare.

You will need to register for a test online and be issued with a barcode. Your results are linked to the barcode and uploaded to the national NHS Test and Trace system.

Support staff at the testing site can help you to register to get a barcode. If you do not have a mobile phone or email address, we can advise you how to get your results which could be by phoning the NHS 119 and quoting your barcode number.

We do not have any access to the information you input into the NHS registration portal. The DHSC is responsible for this information. To find out how DHSC uses your personal data when you register for a coronavirus test, read the [DHSC coronavirus privacy notice](#)

### **What personal information we collect**

We might need to collect personal information to make sure that we can carry out our work. Staff at the site will not have access to your personal information unless you need help to register. The personal information we could ask you for to help you complete your registration could include:

- Name and date of birth
- Gender
- Address and postcode
- Telephone numbers or email address
- Data revealing racial or ethnic origin
- Health information, for example if you have COVID-19 symptoms
- Recent travel to work or place of education
- NHS number (if you know it)

### **Who we collect personal information about**

When we collect personal information it will be about:

- Individuals requesting a test

## **How we use personal information**

We might use your personal information to:

- Provide support and guidance to register for a test
- Manage risks to public health and public protection

## **Why we use your personal information**

We are required by law to improve and protect health and wellbeing. This is detailed in legislation and guidance including:

- Public Health (Control of Disease) Act 1984
- Health Service (Control of Patient Information) Regulations 2002
- The Health Protection (Coronavirus Restrictions) (No 2) (England) Regulations 2020
- Coronavirus Act 2020
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We are allowed to process personal and sensitive data for the following reasons under the UK General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) Articles and the Data Protection Act 2018:

- For public tasks or statutory functions
- Where there is substantial public interest
- For the management of health and social care systems or services
- For reasons of public interest in the area of public health

## **Who we share your personal information with**

As part of the process we will send your test results back to the national NHS Test and Trace system using the barcode.

- Health and healthcare organisations, for example, NHS Test and Trace.

## **When we make an automated decision about your personal information**

This service does not make any decisions using computers or programmes that don't involve a human being when using your personal information.

## **How long we keep your personal information**

We do not keep your personal information as part of this process.

## **When we transfer your personal information beyond the UK**

This service does not transfer your information outside the UK.

We do not routinely share data with any organisation outside the UK, but our website is available across the internet and we communicate with applicants and stakeholders wherever they are.

## **Related pages**

- [Bolton Council main privacy notice/ other relevant privacy notices.](#)
- [Help and Support Re Covid](#)

## **Rights of individuals**

You have certain rights in relation to the council's use of your personal information.

To find out more about how these rights apply in particular circumstances, please refer to our Guide to exercising your Rights or alternatively visit the Information Commissioner's web site at [www.ico.org.uk](http://www.ico.org.uk)

If you wish to exercise your rights or to raise a concern about the handling of your personal information by the council, please contact our Information Governance team at [Informationgovernance@bolton.gov.uk](mailto:Informationgovernance@bolton.gov.uk)

## **Contact Information (rights/complaints)**

Whether you are exercising your rights or raising a concern, you will normally need to include documents that prove your identity as well as a clear and precise description of your request/concern.

We will process requests in accordance within the legislative framework and the statutory time scales and inform you should an extension of time be necessary.

More information about how to exercise your rights is available [here](#).

If you are not satisfied with the way we have answered a request from you or handled your personal information, you should contact the Council's DPO at:

DPO  
Information Governance Team, 1st Floor, Town Hall,  
Victoria Square, Bolton,  
BL1 1RU  
01204 332064  
[dpo@bolton.gov.uk](mailto:dpo@bolton.gov.uk)

If you are still unsatisfied you should contact The Information Commissioner's Office by post at: The ICO, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF or by telephone: 0303 123 1113

## **Cookies**

To find out about how we use cookies please see our [cookie notice](#).

## **Updates**

We may update or revise this Privacy Notice at any time so please refer to the version published on our [website](#) for the most up to date details.