

Staff testing – NHS England update

As you will be aware the National Team launched two national systems (self-referral portal and employer referral portal) allowing NHS employees and Health Workers to book tests, please note these booking systems will provide you access to the drive through testing facilities.

We are aware that not all primary care staff are able to travel to one of these facilities, as you will have heard on national news, mobile testing units have now been established. Further details on “How do NHS employees get a test for COVID-19” is available at the following link <https://www.england.nhs.uk/coronavirus/wp-content/uploads/sites/52/2020/04/COVID-19-test-for-Staff-29-04-20.pdf>. For ease I have also attached a copy of the leaflet.

To access the self-referral portal please use the following link - <https://self-referral.test-for-coronavirus.service.gov.uk/>. Employers who wish to register to be given access to the employer portal please email portalservicedesk@dhsc.gov.uk requesting access.

Could you please ensure that you continue to notify the Primary Care Team if you have any issues with service delivery during this time.

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