

Privacy Notice: Durham County Council LFD Rapid Community Testing

This Privacy Notice tells you about what information we collect about you, how we use that information and who we share it with.

Who we are and what we do?

As a Local Authority, Durham County Council lead on rapid community testing using lateral flow devices (LFD).

LFD testing can help identify those people who are infectious but display no symptoms and are unaware that they might be spreading the virus. One in three people with Covid-19 do not show symptoms. LFD testing can help identify these individuals. Identifying infectious individuals early, and those they have been in close contact with, and then isolating them can significantly reduce transmission of the virus.

Lateral flow testing involves taking a throat and nose swab sample and processing the sample with a lateral flow device which provides a result within 30 minutes.

LFD testing works alongside other control measures and has a powerful role to play in protecting the public's safety and wellbeing. Our LFD testing programme aims to identify positive cases we would otherwise miss due to the individual displaying no symptoms.

For more information see the Durham County Council [LFD website page](#).

For the purposes of Data Protection, Durham County Council is the Data Controller

What type of personal information do we collect and how do we collect it?

In order to provide you with high quality and safe testing service, the Council will collect and hold information about you. This may include:

- Name
- Address
- Date of birth
- Contact details
- Employment details
- Workplace details
- Test result details

We may also collect the following special category data:

- Gender
- Ethnicity

We collect information about you in the following ways:

- Booking form
- Processing the test result

What is our lawful basis to obtain and use your personal information?

To enable us to provide, process your test and upload your test result to the NHS Test and Trace database it is necessary for us to use your personal information. To

do so we will use the following legal basis under UK GDPR Article 6 for sharing your information:

- 1(d) Processing is necessary to protect the vital interests of the data subject
- 1(e) Processing is necessary for the performance of a task carried out in the public interest to reduce the spread of infection.

and for special category data

Article 9 (2)(j) Processing is necessary for reasons of public interest in the area of public health

The Notice under Regulation 3(4) of the Health Service Control of Patient Information Regulations 2002 (COPI) applies.

What is your personal information used for?

Information will be used to process your test, upload your test result to the NHS Test and Trace database and to provide the test result to you.

Will your personal information be shared?

Sharing information is required to enable us to provide you with your test result and to provide guidance and support should you test positive.

Agencies we may need to share information with include the following:

- NHS Test and Trace Service
- Department of Health and Social Care
- Support services who provide support and care should you be requested to self-isolate.

How do we keep your information secure?

The security of your personal information is important to us. The records we keep about you are secure and are confidential within the Council. The Council have a range of procedures, policies and systems to ensure that access to your records are controlled appropriately.

Anyone who receives information from us is also under a legal duty to only use the information for the purposes agreed and keep the information secure and confidential.

How long will we keep your personal information?

After we deliver a service to you, we have to keep your information as a record of what test was processed, when was it processed and what was the result.

Information recorded on the booking system will be deleted after 12 weeks.

Personal information processed outside of the UK.

We do not process your personal data outside of the UK

Marketing

At no time will your information be used or passed to others for marketing or sales purposes, or for any commercial use without your express consent.

What are your information rights?

Your Information Rights are set out in the law. Subject to some legal exceptions, you have the right to:

- request a copy of the personal information the council holds about you
- have any inaccuracies corrected;
- have your personal data erased;
- place a restriction on our processing of your data;
- object to processing;

To exercise your rights, you can apply on line or download an application form from the [DCC website](#) or you can contact the data protection team at inforights@durham.gov.uk

To learn more about these rights please see the [ICO website](#).

Further Information

Our Data Protection Officer (DPO) provides help and guidance to make sure we apply the best standards to protecting your personal information. If something goes wrong with your personal information, or you have questions about how we process your data, please contact our Data Protection Officer at DPO@durham.gov.uk or write to:

DPO
Floor 4 Room 143-148,
Durham County Council
County Hall,
Durham County Council
DH1 5UF

If we have not been able to deal with your query, you can also contact the Information Commissioner's Office:

Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane Wilmslow
Cheshire
SK9 5AF
Telephone: 0303 123 1113 (local rate) or 01625 545 745