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What are Lateral Flow Tests

Earlier this year, the UK Government announced they would be expanding the offer of asymptomatic (people without any symptoms of Covid-19) testing to critical workers who cannot work from home during this period of national lockdown restrictions.

Lateral flow tests (LFTs), also known as lateral flow devices (LFDs), are rapid tests which are used for asymptomatic testing to identify cases of Covid-19. With 1 in 3 people with coronavirus never showing any symptoms but still being infectious, LFTs can identify cases which would have gone unidentified and avoid spreading the virus to others.

Local authorities have opened up Lateral Flow Test sites for targeted groups who cannot work from home and it is to these sites that there is opportunity for members of the community who are engaged in activity with their communities to attend for a test.

Access to LFT's

Small businesses and organisations in both the public and private sector with less than 50 staff, sole traders and self-employed citizens can access asymptomatic testing through community testing sites provided by the local authority in your area.

To have access to the community testing:

- You will need to provide details of the number of staff in the organisation, which will need be to less than 250 staff
- Employees include those who do not have access to LFT already
- Employees have to be identified as critical workers (including essential voluntary work)
- You will be provided with booking information
- Employees will then be able to access the test twice a week, minimal once a week Community testing will be provided for businesses that are unable to access testing provided through other channels.

Community Testing

Testing is being made available to those people who are permitted to leave home for work (including essential voluntary work) and who are unable to access asymptomatic testing through other routes, particularly those who are critical to supporting communities, responding to the pandemic and/or at higher risk of infection and transmission

Organisations that can access community testing include:

- Small or local public sector organisations
- Charities and voluntary groups
- Small or local private sector businesses providing key public services and unable to access institutional testing; e.g. waste management, public transport, taxi firms, power and water companies etc.
- Education or childcare settings not covered by existing schools testing; e.g. private nurseries, children homes, childminders etc.
- Medium sized local businesses (generally businesses between 50 and 250 staff) unable to practically access institutional testing
- Small or local businesses (generally less than 50 staff), and including sole traders or self-employed citizens

Local Authority Information: Accessing local testing sites

Hull City Council and East Riding of Yorkshire Council are offering targeted critical worker testing at various sites across the area. For further information for testing options in your local authority area, please visit the following websites:

- **Hull City Council:** <http://www.hull.gov.uk/coronavirus/coronavirus-business-advice-and-support/lateral-flow-testing-businesses>
- **East Riding of Yorkshire Council:** <https://covid19.eastriding.gov.uk/testing/>

PROGRAMME FOR THE MIDDLE EAST STUDY GROUP (University of Hull)

Forthcoming events

24 March 2021, 18:00

The Ambassador Forum

His Excellency Mr Omar Al Nahar

Ambassador of The Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan to the United Kingdom

Challenges Jordan is Facing Today

21 April 2021, 18:00

Professor Noam Chomsky

The University of Arizona and The Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT)

A Moment of Peril and Challenge

19 May 2021, 18:00

Dr David Rutstein

Secretary-General, Bahá'í World Centre

From Displacement to Distinction: How the Bahá'í Faith came to have its world headquarters in Israel

Events which have already occurred in current year

Wednesday 20th January 2021, 18:00

Mr. Fahad Albinali

Counsellor, Embassy of Bahrain to the United Kingdom

The Normalisation Accord between Bahrain and Israel

17 February 2021, 18:00

The Prime Minister Lecture

Former **Prime Minister Ehud Olmert**

My Quest for Peace: A Personal Account of My Negotiations with President Abbas

3 March 2021, 18:00

Aaron David Miller

Senior Fellow at the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace

Gulliver's Troubles

Further details (including details of how to attend at <https://mesg.wordpress.hull.ac.uk/speakers/>)

THE WELCOME DIRECTORY

The regional lead for this charity writes

I (am) contacting you to introduce myself and the work of The Welcome Directory, which is an inter-faith project to create a list of faith communities who are willing to provide a welcome and support for people leaving prison. Faith chaplains or individuals can then search this database for faith communities in the area a prisoner is being released to, in order to encourage them to continue practising their faith once they have left prison. My role is to encourage faith communities in Yorkshire to consider this.

This is a hugely valuable resource, as research shows that prisoners who connect with a faith community on release are less likely to reoffend. It therefore serves, not only to promote diversity and the inclusion of people leaving prison of all faiths, but can also support local crime reduction strategies.

I was wondering if you are aware of opportunities for me to connect with faith-leaders in the Hull area, to promote this?

Kind regards,

James Seager

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Helping faith communities to offer real welcome and appropriate support to people leaving prison
The Welcome Directory is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation, Registered Charity number 1169014

REQUEST FOR VOLUNTEER CHAPLAINS FOR HUMBERSIDE POLICE

Sandy Powell (Health and Wellbeing Manager at Humberside Police writes

We are looking for Volunteer Police Chaplains across the Humberside Police area and I was hoping you may be willing to share the below information with your Interfaith group.

The Chaplain's role is a supportive and pastoral one offering support to officers and staff. In this role you will seek to build a relationship of acceptance, friendship and trust with officers and staff and offer a source of comfort during times of stress. Chaplains can also provide a bridge to their faith communities and assist engagement with their local police.

If you have a few hours to spare please complete the attached online application form. For any queries about volunteering or the process of completing the application form, please contact Mrs Sandy Powdrell, Health & Wellbeing Manager on 07464 983691.

Humberside Police serves diverse communities. To enable us to truly reflect the communities we serve, we are keen to recruit people from other faith groups' representative within Humberside Police. You will need a working knowledge and experience of your faith/religion which will enhance the pastoral care of our diverse police family.

You will see on the HERI webpage from which you have accessed this file, links to provide a profile of the role and also a form by which you can express interest in becoming a volunteer chaplain.

Note this document is displayed on the Hull and East Riding Interfaith website at <https://heri-online.org/information-circulated-on-9-3-21/>