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Request:

1. What is the total adult population in your council area?

169,242

2. What is the total population eligible for rapid Covid tests in your area and what criteria are used to identify them?

We have used the national guidance for eligibility for accessing our rapid COVID tests e.g. anyone who needs to leave the house to go to work or who is caring for someone who is clinically extremely vulnerable. We do not have a total population estimate for this cohort.

3. How many tests have been taken in your area to date? Could you please tell me: i) the number of different individuals tested

The number of unique individuals who have booked through our booking system is 1,912.

ii) total number of tests taken each day since the rollout began? If this is not possible, please break it down as far as possible week-by-week or month-by-month.

**Our test site opened on the 18 January 2021.

Week 1 – 864 Week 2 – 924 Week 3 – 990 Week 4 – 980 Week 5 – 988 Week 6 – 960**

4. Can you please say how many tests were positive and negative out of those taken, with breakdowns as above wherever possible?

To date (2 March 2021) we have had 30 positive tests at the Community Rapid Community Testing Site.

5. What has been the total cost of rolling out rapid Covid tests, including staffing costs, paid by the council?

The total cost of rolling out rapid COVID tests is £184,365

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6. What additional funds has the council received from the government to help with the roll out these tests?

The DHSC have confirmed that councils receive funding per test set at a maximum of £14.00, for all local authorities participating in the Community Testing Programme. We have received an initial payment of £25858

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