

# Privacy Notice for Universities and Local Authority sharing COVID-19 test information



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## **Universities and Local Authorities sharing COVID-19 test information**

The Local Authority has a responsibility for controlling the local outbreak of COVID-19. It works with partner organisations to identify potential hotspots or outbreaks of COVID-19 to co-ordinate a rapid and effective response to the increased community risk.

Public Health England (PHE) provides local authorities with case-level testing data and data from NHS Test and Trace for the purposes of local response to COVID-19.

Nottingham Trent University (NTU) and University of Nottingham (UoN) are key partners in delivering a coordinated response. Both Universities share with the Council, personal data of students and employees relating to COVID-19 cases and outbreaks at their organisations.

This allows the council to match the information with data from Public Health England and provide the universities with case level data regarding students and employees of their organisations who show in PHE data to have tested positive for COVID-19, but do not appear in the dataset provided by the universities. This enables the universities to undertake investigation, contact tracing and activation of their COVID-19 response as appropriate.

The Council and the Universities undertake this work on the basis that it is necessary for the performance of a task carried out in the public interest.

Individuals are not obliged, either by statute or by contract, to provide the information that is described here. The information they provide may also be used for the purpose of any other function carried out by the Council. Information about these functions and the legal basis on which information is used for them can be found at <http://documents.nottinghamcity.gov.uk/download/5939>.

The Data Controller is Nottingham City Council, Loxley House, Station Street, Nottingham NG2 3NG.

You can contact the Data Protection Officer at the above address or at [data.protectionofficer@nottinghamcity.gov.uk](mailto:data.protectionofficer@nottinghamcity.gov.uk).

The data protection law known as the General Data Protection Regulation provides for the following rights as prescribed by the legislation:

- A right to request a copy of your information
- A right to request rectification of inaccurate personal data

- A right to request erasure of your data known as ‘the right to be forgotten’
- A right to in certain circumstances to request restriction of processing
- A right in certain circumstances to request portability of your data to another provider
- A right to object to processing of data in certain circumstances
- A right regarding automated decision-making including profiling

Please note that if individuals are unhappy with a decision regarding the handling of their data they have the right to complain to the Information Commissioner’s Office at Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire SK9 5AF. See also the Information Commissioners website at <https://ico.org.uk/your-data-matters/>.

For more information about these rights, please refer to our detailed privacy statement at <https://www.nottinghamcity.gov.uk/privacy-statement>.