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Dear all,

As all local shops, pubs and businesses gear up to reopen on Monday, testing of our communities is going to be key to making the lifting of lockdown work and help keep life moving.

Covid-19 infections in Tamworth are almost double the national average, so it's more important than ever that we do everything we possibly can to stop the spread of infection and learn more about how the virus is being transmitted.

NHS Test and Trace, in partnership with Staffordshire County Council, Tamworth Borough Council and Royal Mail will be targeting around 6,000 households in Glascote and Stonydelph to help stop the spread of infection and learn more about how the virus is being transmitted.

Kits will be delivered to homes from April 12 and people should register their kit, take the test and drop them off at one of the special collection points in the local community by April 16.

We want as many people as possible in these areas to take part, and as a health partner, you have a really important role to play. We would be grateful if you could encourage your service users who are from Stonydelph and Glascote to take part, even if they are already part of a school or work testing scheme. Testing takes a matter of minutes, and special collection points have been organised in local areas to make it as easy as possible for them to be dropped off.

The chances are people won't have the virus, but with 1 in 3 coronavirus cases not showing any symptoms, it is better to be safe than sorry. Everyone in a household should be encouraged to take a test.



I have included a poster with this letter – I would be grateful if you could put some up in your public spaces to help remind people to join in with the pilot We need to do everything we can to stop the spread of Covid-19 and ensure that our businesses, schools, leisure facilities and places of worship can remain open. Your help to achieve this would be much appreciated.

Yours sincerely



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