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Dear Sir/Madam

**Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA)
Request ID: REQ07679**

Thank you for your recent request for information. Your request has been considered under the above Act.

You have requested the following information:

REQ07679 – Track & Trace App

1. Has your local authority launched its own contact tracing operation?

No

If so:

2. When did it launch?

3. Has it operated continuously since launching?

4. If not, what periods has it ceased operating?

5. How many people are working on it?

6. How many of those are paid?

7. And how many are volunteers?

8. Have they been recruited from other local authority teams? If so, which?

9. How many people with coronavirus are they contacting to gather their contacts? Please provide the numbers for Monday 12th, Tuesday 13th and Wednesday 14th October

10. How many of those contacted's close contacts are successfully being contacted and told to isolate and get a test? Please provide the numbers for Monday 12th, Tuesday 13th and Wednesday 14th October

11. What is the total spend to date on your local authority's contact tracing service and team?

12. What is the total budget for your local authority's contact tracing service and team?

Questions 2 -12 are not applicable

If not:

13. Are there plans for a contact tracing service to be set up?

No

14. If so, when is the aim to launch it by?

15. If applicable, how much budget has been allocated for it?

16. If applicable, how many staff are earmarked to work on it and from which teams?

Questions 14 – 16 are Not applicable

Throughout the pandemic, local authority public health teams in Coventry have been working with PHE and local Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) nursing and infection control teams to support both the prevention and response to outbreaks through a range of actions: provision of advice and guidance about preventative measures that can be taken by a range of settings to ensure they work in a COVID-19 secure manner, infection control advice and training (led by CCG), taking action with outbreak settings/settings with complex cases to minimise spread, co-ordinating testing support/responses supporting contact tracing particularly linked with outbreaks, complex cases in high risk settings, and to investigate other high risk clusters.

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Yours sincerely

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