

RCN COVID-19 Staff Testing Survey Findings

Summary briefing

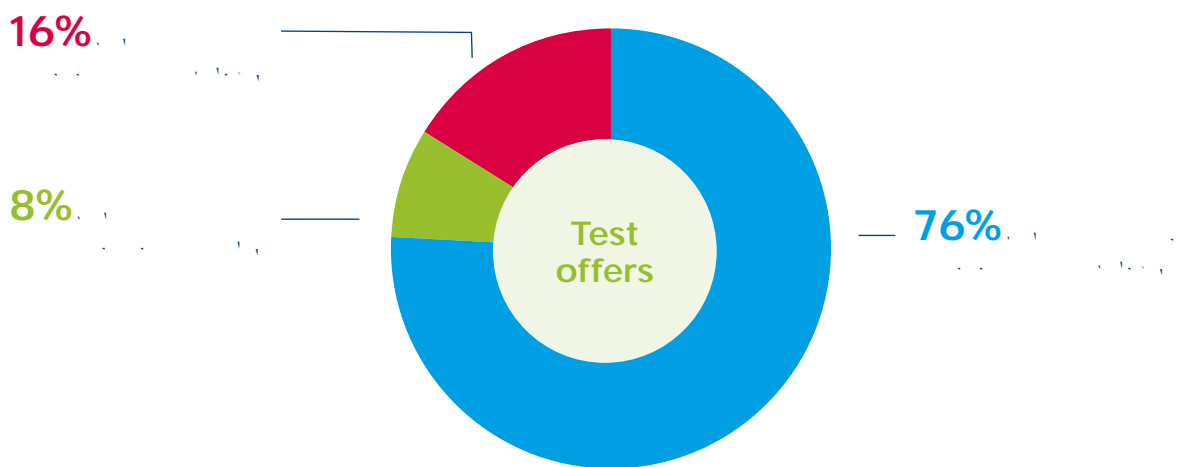


Findings

All respondents were asked if they currently need or had previously needed a test for COVID-19

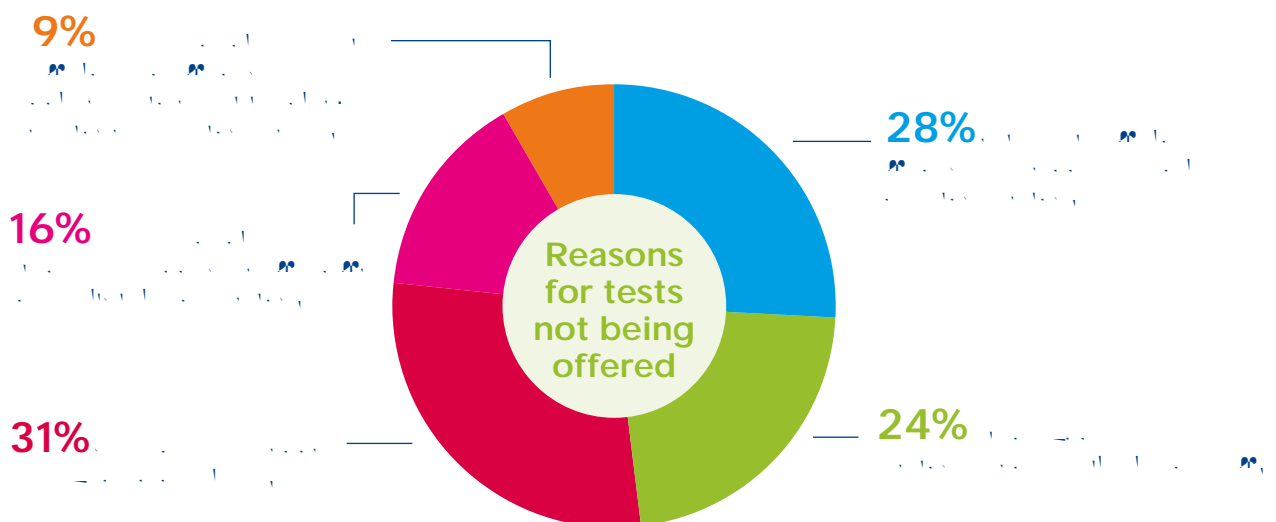
Offer of testing

We also asked all respondents whether they had been offered a test:



where 81% of respondents had not been offered testing. However, there were differences between permanent staff and those working as bank, temporary or agency staff. 86% of temporary staff had not been offered testing compared to 75% of permanent staff. Those working outside the NHS were slightly less likely to have been offered testing by their employers (79% had not been offered tests, compared to 75% in the NHS).

We asked those who had not been offered testing (n=16,765) what they believed the reasons were for testing not being offered:



due to either their role or not currently being at work (for example, working from home, shielding or self-

Access to testing

There were (n=18,563) people who had not been offered a test, or who had been offered a test which they

had been offered testing (16% of respondents, n=3,499) were asked about their ability to access the test. Overall, 90% of these were able to access testing, though there was some variation across settings – 93% of those working in the community were able to access it, as were 91% of those working in hospitals. However only 84% of those working in care homes were able to access the

Again, there was a difference between staff working in NHS organisations (91% able to access testing) and non-NHS (85% able to access testing), and permanent staff (90% able to access testing) and non-permanent staff (85% able to access testing).

The majority of results of those who had accessed testing (n= 3,133) were received within a few days:

17%

