

Freedom of Information Request	FOI 21-327	25 th August 2021
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How many Mass Testing Centre (MTC) providing Covid-19 testing service are available through your Health Board and who physically provide this service (full details of contractor, contract start and duration including the cost of the contract and future (planned) contracts). How many members of public are tested at these facilities (either per day, per week or per month).

How many Community Testing Units (CTUs) providing Covid-19 testing service are available through your Health Board and who physically provide this service (full details of contractor, contract start and duration including the cost of the contract and future (planned) contracts). How many members of public are tested at these facilities (either per day, per week or per month).

How many Mobile Testing Unit (MTU) providing Covid-19 testing service are available through your Health Board and who physically provide this service (full details of contractor, contract start and duration including the cost of the contract and future (planned) contracts). How many members of public are tested at these facilities (either per day, per week or per month).

How many Local Test Sites (LTS) providing Covid-19 testing service are available through your Health Board and who physically provide this service (full details of contractor, contract start and duration including the cost of the contract and future (planned) contracts). How many members of public are tested at these facilities (either per day, per week or per month).

There have been a variety of testing sites through the COVID-19 pandemic situated within the Aneurin Bevan University Health Board locality. However, these sites have been primarily run and operated by the Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC). The [Welsh Government website](#) defines the various types of testing sites:

Mass testing Centre (MTC)
Community Testing Unit (CTU)
Mobile Testing Unit (MTU)
Local Testing Site (LTS)

The Health Board have run and operated a single testing site from 25th March 2020, the initial site was located at Rodney Parade, Newport. From March 2020 until June 2020 this site was used as a CTU where tests were undertaken on NHS and key workers only. From June 2020, it was expanded to include the

Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC) bookings for the general public making it a combined MTC and CTU site. The CTU/MTC at Rodney Parade was closed in July 2021 and relocated to a new site Caerleon House, Cleppa Park, Newport. As part of the relocation the Health Board took the decision to stop DHSC testing, this was due to a dramatically improved testing provision in the area with ample testing capacity within the system.

No contracts were awarded as part of the operation of these sites as the running was undertaken by the Health Board.

A second MTC site was opened in June 2020 in Cwm, near Ebbw Vale. This site is operated by the DHSC.

The first MTU provided by DHSC was deployed in September 2020, these MTU's are operated by DHSC.

In January 2021 the first LTS site was opened in Rhymney, again operated by DHSC.

Unfortunately the Health Board is unable to provide details on behalf of the DHSC therefore you will need to submit your request directly via the following link [How to make a freedom of information \(FOI\) request - GOV.UK](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/how-to-make-a-freedom-of-information-foi-request) (www.gov.uk)