

# GREATER LONDON AUTHORITY

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(By email)

Our Ref: MGLA260721-9192

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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your request for information which the Greater London Authority (GLA) received on 23 July 2021. Your request has been dealt with under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) 2000.

Our response to your request is as follows:

1. Can you tell me the GLA policy on using the "NHS" track and trace app?

There is no specific GLA policy about using the NHS Track and Trace app. However, staff are advised to follow Government guidelines. Staff are required to check-in to the City Hall building via the NHS app or sign in and out each time they enter or leave the buildings, for the time being, to ensure there is a record of attendees for contact tracing purposes.

2. How many GLA phones is it installed on?

The NHS app has been installed on at least 59 GLA phones. Please note that this only applies to GLA phones with Microsoft intune installed (not all GLA phones do), so this is not an overall figure. Staff may also have the NHS app downloaded to their personal devices.

3. How many hours per day are the apps turned on?

The GLA does not hold this information.

4. What happens if contact is made with COVID19 positive person?

This is the same for all users of the App regardless of where they are employed. This information is available from the NHS (see <https://faq.covid19.nhs.uk/article/ka-01128/en-us>)

5. What distance is counted as "contact"?

As above.

6. How many GLA staff are at present 23 July 2021 off work due to COVID19?

No GLA staff were off work on 23 July 2021 due to COVID19

7. How many GLA staff are at present 23 July 2021 off work due to COVID19 identified by the app?

If staff were self-isolating as a result of being contacted by the app they would continue to work from home, as they have done throughout the pandemic, and not be off work. Therefore, we do not record staff being off work as a result of having been contacted by the NHS app.

8. How often are GLA staff tested for COVID19?

We are asking everyone to take a lateral flow test before coming into our buildings. About 1 in 3 people with COVID-19 do not have symptoms but can still infect others. Staff should do a rapid test twice a week (every 3 to 4 days) to check if they have the virus. If people test positive and self-isolate, it helps stop the virus spreading.

9. Which tests are used what are the results for 2021 to date?

This depends, staff can order free packs of tests to be sent to their home or pick up tests from pharmacies and collection points run by community organisations, like libraries

10. What is GLA policy on whether GLA police and personnel should be vaccinated?

The GLA does not hold this information

11. Is GLA covered for insurance liability side effects of vaccine if the staff are advised to be vaccinated?

The GLA does not hold this information

12. How many GLA staff are at present 23 July 2021 off work due to side effects of the vaccine?

The GLA does not hold this information. Sickness due to a side effect of the vaccine is not one of the sickness reasons recorded on the GLA's sickness records.

If you have any further questions relating to this matter, please contact me, quoting the reference at the top of this letter.

Yours sincerely

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