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Campaigners launch campaign for proper funding for local test and trace

Oxfordshire Keep Or NHS Public has launched a [webpage](#) which explains how we can get through this pandemic and resume our normal lives sooner rather than later.

The Crush Covid with Local Test and Trace campaign works with Councillors and MPs to call for proper funding for local government to run test and trace.

The [webpage](#) features video clips of top health professionals, Oxfordshire councillors, and Oxford's two MPs explaining how and why such a system works and how local people can demand the funding for it.

With clear and informative text, photos, useful links, and graphics, the webpage informs the public and encourages them both to take action at a local level and to write to their MPs.

Oxon KONP secretary Bill MacKeith said:

We must put an end to the waste, incompetence, and corruption that have cost so many lives.

Billions of pounds have been given by the government to their friends in Serco, Deloitte and the like for a 'Test and Trace' system that does not work. Local public health teams would do a far better job for a fraction of the money. Some national coordination would be required, but the service must be provided by local public health teams.

Vaccination is part of the solution. But it will be late autumn before all adults in the UK are vaccinated, let alone children. It will not work unless it is complemented by other measures, principally a local, publicly run test and trace system. The Crush Covid webpage is meant to help make the change.

Note: The UK was unprepared for this pandemic largely because of the creeping privatisation of the NHS. Keep Our NHS Public Oxfordshire exposes privatisation and calls for proper funding for our health and social care services.

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