

Major COVID testing site disappears overnight leaving key workers with nowhere to go



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Key workers were shocked this morning when they found a major covid-testing site for the whole South Coast had disappeared overnight.



When people arrived at the facility, run by Deloitte on behalf of the Department for Health, in Portsmouth this morning they found it had been packed up and moved to Southampton – despite long term commitments to it being available until at least October 5.



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Adrian Baker, GMB Regional Organiser, said:

“Despite Government claims they want to work with local authorities to tackle the coronavirus pandemic, they failed to inform the local authority this testing site was being removed.

“Test and trace has become trace the test. This dereliction of duty is quite incredible.

“With local services structured to direct the public to that site until October the 5, this shows a clear breakdown in any pretence of joined up ‘working together’.

“What are the public and workers supposed to do if the Government doesn’t even know how long a testing site will be available for?”

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