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- Test and Protect

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Dear Colleagues,

Test and Protect app

We have all been encouraged to download and use the NHS Protect Scotland app on mobile devices to support the Test and Protect process.

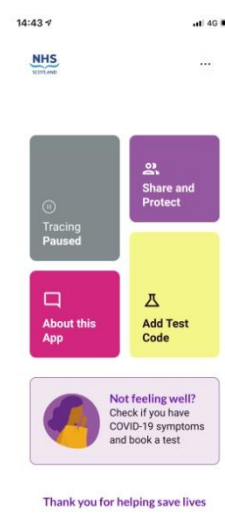
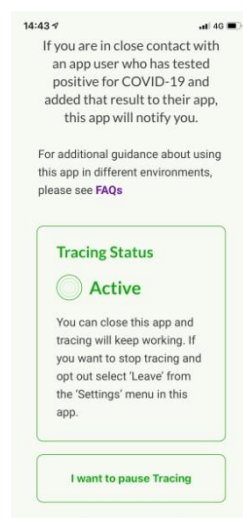
This app works by monitoring your movement and identifying when you have come into close contact with somebody who subsequently tests positive for COVID-19. If you are contacted by the Test and Protect team they cannot tell you when this contact occurred, only that it has. Thus it is in your and our interest for people to turn their app off when at work and using PPE, particularly in a large clinical environment and then turn it back on again when leaving work so inadvertent contacts are not created in the working environment.

If you are using the original app then this can only be achieved by either closing the app down OR by disabling the Bluetooth connectivity of your device when at work. As an alternative I would suggest deleting the old version of the app and downloading the most recent variant. Within this new version of the app you can turn tracing off while leaving the app active. If you tap on the “tracing active box” on the front screen you get the option to “pause tracing” and to set a timer to remind you to restart. The front screen then shows that tracing is paused as below.

With all my best

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