Regular asymptomatic testing engagement in young people in North West England

12-15 years old

Focus Group Guide

1. Have you ever had a COVID-19 test?

Prompts:
   a. If not, why not?
   b. If so, why did you decide to get tested?
      i. School, youth club, had symptoms, someone you had contact with had symptoms, parents?
   c. Do you know what type of test you took?
      i. Lateral flow or PCR?
   d. How did you know what type of test to take?
   e. How easy or difficult was it taking the test?
   f. Roughly how many tests/how frequently have you had COVID tests

2. Did others know you were getting a test?

Prompts:
   a. If so, what did your friends/family think of you getting tested?

3. Did you (or your parent) report the result?

Prompt:
   a. Did you tell anyone else of the test result?
   b. Have you taken tests and not reported results?

4. Have you ever tested positive for COVID-19?

   a. How did that make you feel?
      i. Concern about what others might think?
      ii. Time off school?

5. If you have never taken a COVID-19 test, can you tell me why not?

Prompts:
   a. Did you know who to ask to get a test?
   b. Did you know where to get a test from?
   c. Did you have any concerns about the test?
   d. Were you concerned about what your friends/family might think?

6. What information have you heard or seen about regular COVID testing?

Prompts:
a. Where did you see/hear it – social media, school, friends/family?
b. Was the information useful?
c. Do you feel that the information applies to you?
d. Are there sources of information you trust more than others?
e. Do you feel like you need more information?
   i. If so, what would be helpful?

7. Can you tell me how you would get a test kit for regular COVID testing?
   Prompts:
   a. From your school, parents, chemist, online?
   b. How easy was it to get a test kit when you needed one?
   c. Is there anything that could have made it easier to get a test kit?

8. Do you think you will take regular COVID tests in future?
   Prompts:
   a. If not, why not?
      i. Is there anything that might encourage you to get one?
   b. If yes, why?
   c. Would being vaccinated for COVID make any difference to your decision?

9. How important do you think it is to get regular COVID tests?
   Prompts:
   a. For you personally?
      i. Why do you think that is?
   b. For other people where you live/go to school?
      i. Why do you think that is?
   c. How important is it for limiting the spread of COVID-19?
   d. Do you think you can catch COVID from someone with no symptoms?
   e. Do you think you can pass COVID on if you have no symptoms?

10. Is there anything else you would like to add that we have not already discussed?