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Local testing prototypes

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What's out there now? Testing capability across the country.

Home Testing Kit



- For users to complete the test at home.

Satellite



- This option is used as a preventative measure. Usually used for care homes.

Regional testing site



- For customers who have access to a car the RTS allows a 'drive thru' facility which is a 'same day' service open 8am to 8pm.

Local testing site



- For customers who are arriving on foot or by bike, the LTUs provide a means of testing.

Mobile testing unit



- Mobile testing is an agile capability that allows temporary testing sites to be set up quickly to serve communities on a rolling basis. The Mobile Testing Units (MTU) have been designed as a flexible testing capability.



**But this doesn't work for some.....so we
needed to improve, change and learn**

Purpose and principles

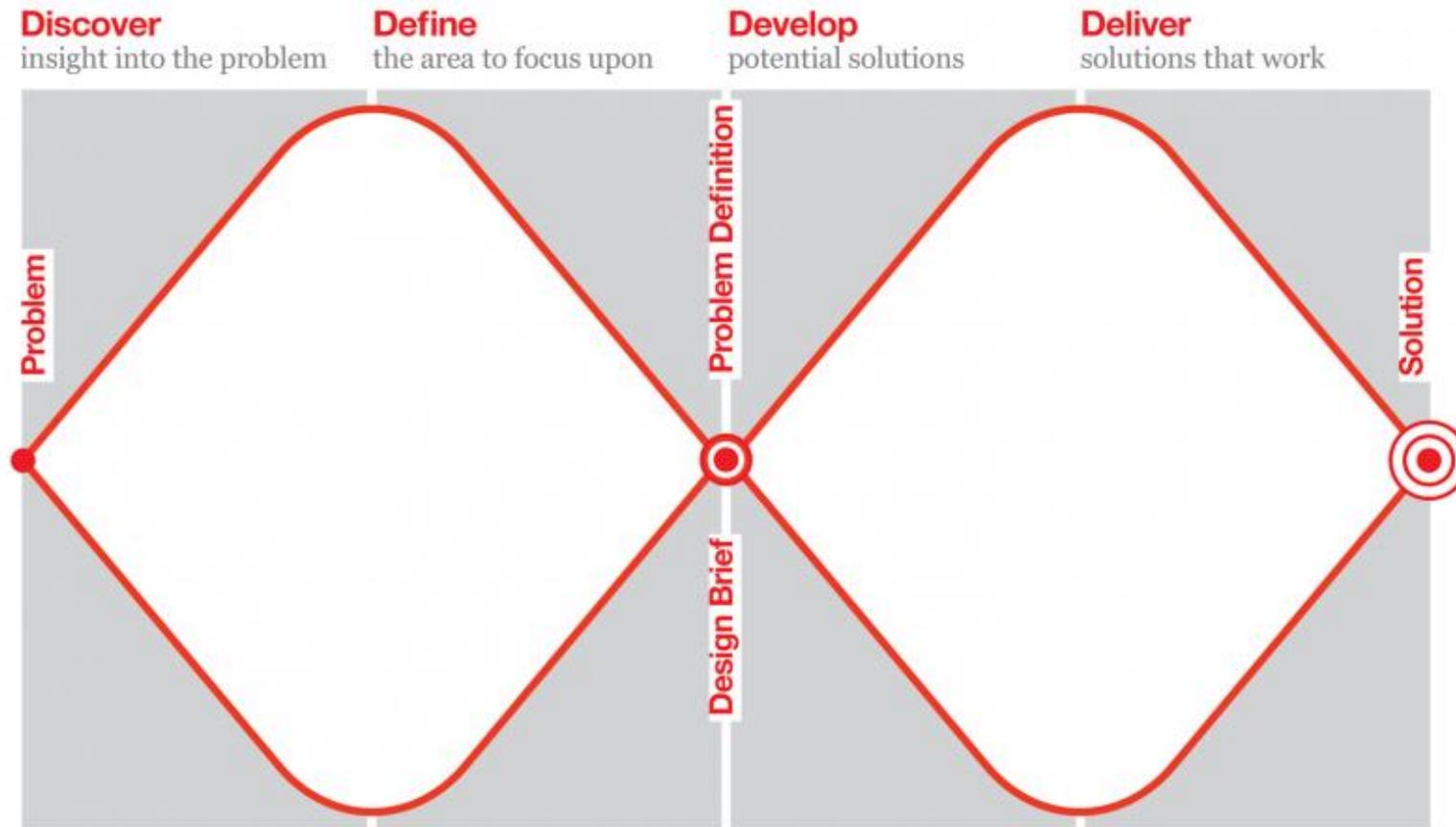
Local prototypes emerged from a recognition that different approaches are needed to ensure access to testing for groups that are at higher risk of infection and/or adverse outcomes from COVID-19 but may experience barriers to getting tested.

Principles:

- **Councils know their communities:** Prototypes are co-designed, relying on councils' understanding of groups at risk, who they trust most and where they feel most comfortable.
- **One size doesn't fit all:** Experience shows that tailoring facilities and approaches to the groups we want to reach is likely to have better takeup and outcomes.
- **Testing is a small piece of the puzzle:** Outreach, engagement and wraparound support are as important as access to testing.
- **We learn by doing:** We have set this up to be a deliberately iterative process where the prototypes can evolve as we learn and in response to how the pandemic plays out in local areas over time.



Our approach to prototyping



Prototypes: variations on a theme



Trafford: pop-up, built to be moved after a period of time

Leicester: in community centre well known and trusted by community

Merseyside: administering tests in settings where vulnerable people live, incl asylum seekers



Slough: hybrid walk up and drive through site

Bradford: Supplying kits to community organisations

North Yorkshire: Using MTU to test major employment setting



Manchester: swab kits to existing outreach teams

Westminster/NW London alliance: swab kits to test homeless leaving hotels

Cambridgeshire and Peterborough: swab kits supplied to those already trusted by GRT, migrant and NRPF communities



Developing a local testing strategy and infrastructure to underpin your local outbreak plan – drawing on a combination of the following and tailored to local circumstances

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And also emerging, but still in design/development:

- Swab kits for local distribution – range of methods for doing so
- Variations on the local testing – community testing site model, hyper local and ‘pop-up’
- Application of anonymised testing and asymptomatic testing where appropriate



Key themes that are emerging nationally

- Trust
- Relationships
- Language barriers
- Digital barriers
- Awareness
- Cultural norms

“The more official it looks, the more off putting it is...”



Our next steps

- Making local test sites available across the country
- Securing clinical approval and implementation of “outreach” models
- Making daily supply of test kit available to DPHs to direct toward local priorities
- Iterative evaluation of existing prototypes
- Exploring integration with contact tracing

