'Test and trace has failed': Green Party response to new lockdown measures



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The Government has announced new lockdown measures in parts of northern England that bans separate households from meeting at home.

Councillor Andy Fewings, leader of the Green Party Group on Burnley Council, said:

"Test and trace has failed. Announcing major new lockdown measures on Twitter with less than three hours' notice on the night before Eid is shambolic to say the least, while placing the blame on individuals is nothing short of unforgivable.

"The Government has to take responsibility for its own failings, including its increasingly mixed and confusing messages and a test and trace system that is clearly not fit for purpose.

"The Government must stop blaming communities and start transferring money and responsibility to the local public health teams who are already in place with the necessary expertise and trust within their communities to deliver an effective and transparent test and trace system."

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