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Hundreds sign up to lend cars so key staff can get to work

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Hundreds of car owners in London are lending their vehicles to [NHS staff](#) and charity workers so they can continue to work during the pandemic.

More than 250 people have signed up to Karshare, a new community [car sharing](#) scheme aimed at helping frontline workers to get around safely. But demand for the scheme in London is spiralling and its founder today called on more car owners to sign up. At least another 250 cars are needed in London.

Andy Hibbert said: “If you have a car you’re not going to need for the next week or two, we can put it to good use, doing good in London.”

Michaela Morris, deputy chief operating officer at Nightingale Hospital London, was one of the first to benefit from the scheme. She has been given a car to use for free until the end of June.

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She said: “I was getting a lift with a colleague but having the sole use of a car makes absolute sense right now to help limit any unnecessary exposure both to myself and others.

“With varying shift patterns which can be both late and early for many of my colleagues, public transport will not always be an option. The Karshare initiative will really help to make the lives of many NHS workers a lot easier.”

The scheme is also running in Bristol, Brighton and Manchester and 600 people have lent their cars in total. Karshare aims to establish a fleet of 10,000 cars.

The cars are available to frontline workers who need access to personal transport during the crisis. They will be collected, cleaned and disinfected and dropped off to a frontline worker. The cars are inspected for roadworthiness and fully insured by Karshare. At the end of the week they are cleaned again and dropped back to their owner.

You can find more details here www.karshare.com

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