

The UK Covid-19 Inquiry

Submission on behalf of Public Health Scotland (“PHS”)

Re

Module 1 Preliminary Hearing on 25<sup>th</sup> April, 2023

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1. PHS is grateful for the opportunity to make this submission. We have one point we wish to make.
2. From its consideration of the draft expert reports provided by the Inquiry in this Module, PHS is concerned that currently there appears to be limited treatment of public health matters specifically related to Scotland. As has already been said by others, it will be important to the Scottish Core Participants in particular, that the Inquiry is fully sighted on the Scottish dimension relating to public health issues. This will include an understanding of relevant Scottish public health organisational structures in existence at the material time (including the predecessor organisations of PHS), and an awareness of academic literature addressing relevant issues from a peculiarly Scottish perspective. We sought to refer to some of these points (and to make suggestions to the Inquiry) in our response to the draft report prepared by Professor Sir Michael Marmot and Professor Clare Bamba.
3. We appreciate that the Inquiry is likely to be addressing this matter with the experts anyway, but we thought it would be helpful to raise the issue in this submission given PHS’s extensive experience in this field.

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