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# March Newsletter

From the UK Covid-19 Inquiry  
team



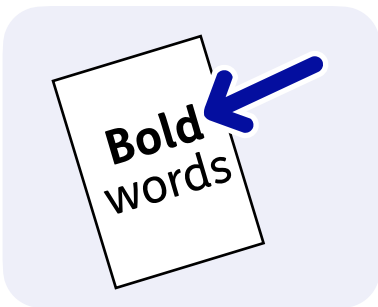
# Easy Read



This is an Easy Read version of some hard information. It may not include all of the information but will tell you about the important parts.



This Easy Read information uses easier words and pictures. You may still want help to read it.



Some words are in **bold** - this means the writing is thicker and darker.



These are words that some people will find hard. When you see a bold word, we will explain it in the next sentence.



[Blue and underlined](#) words show links to websites and email addresses. You can click on these links on a computer.

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# Welcome



This newsletter is from Ben Connah and the UK Covid-19 Inquiry team.



We are the group that has been set up to look at how the UK dealt with Covid-19.



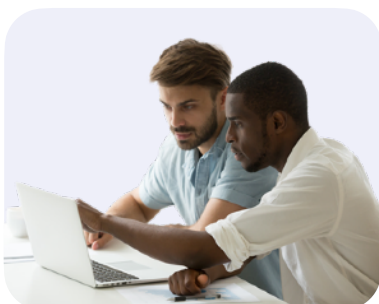
We are looking at what could be done better in the future.

This will mean the UK is more ready for an emergency in the future.

This March newsletter will tell you about:



- Our listening project.



- The work we have been doing.

# Our listening project



Our listening project is about giving people the chance to tell us what Covid-19 was like for them.



We are calling our project 'Every Story Matters'.



We have talked with lots of organisations about how we should listen to people's stories about Covid-19.

After talking to these organisations we have decided to:



- Set up different ways for people to share their stories - this is for people who cannot share their stories online.



- Set up a service where people can share their stories in different languages.

We have also decided to:



- Have listening events in local areas across the UK.



- Make sure people who share their stories with us feel safe and supported.



- Make sure we listen to the stories of people who are often ignored or left out.



- Speak to young people and children's organisations about how we can listen to children's and young people's stories.



- Not collect people's names and email addresses when they share their stories online.

# New logo



Thank you to everyone who gave us ideas for our new project logo.

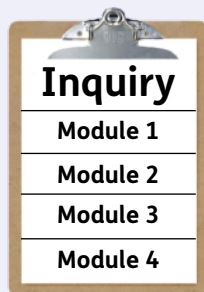


We are happy to show you our new logo, which was made using lots of your ideas.

We hope the new logo shows that everyone's story matters.



# News about our inquiry work



The Inquiry's work is split into parts called **modules**.

These **modules** look at different things to do with what happened during Covid-19.

## Module 1



Module 1 is about how ready the UK was for Covid-19.



On 14 February, we had our second discussion about this.



On 13 June we will start our **public hearings**.

**Public hearings** are where we will hear from the people who were involved.



## Module 2

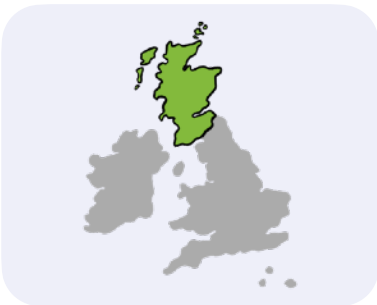


Module 2 is about the decisions that were made by politicians and the government.



On 1 March, we had our second discussion about this.

Later in March, we had discussions about decisions that were made in:



- Scotland.



- Wales.



- Northern Ireland.

## Module 3



Module 3 is about health care services.



On 28 February, we had our first discussion about this.

## Find out more



You can find out more about all of these discussions on our website:

[www.covid19.public-inquiry.uk](http://www.covid19.public-inquiry.uk)

# Other news about our work

## Supporting Black and ethnic minority groups



An **ethnic minority** is a group of people of the same race, in a place where most other people are a different race.

We want to make sure everyone knows that we will be looking at:



- How Covid-19 affected Black and ethnic minority groups.



- Whether governments met the needs of Black and ethnic minority groups during Covid-19.

To make sure we are supporting Black and ethnic minority groups we:



- Have 2 experts in module 1 looking at how well the government met the needs of Black and ethnic minority groups.



- Are thinking about having other experts work with us on the other modules.

## New staff

We have 5 new people working on module 1 with us. They are:



- Professor David Alexander and Bruce Mann - they will be looking at how ready the UK was for an emergency like Covid-19.



- Professor Jimmy Whitworth and Dr Charlotte Hammer - they will be looking at how the UK can make sure another illness doesn't spread like Covid-19.



We now also have Gavin Freeguard. Gavin will be looking at how information was used during Covid-19.

## Working in Scotland



There is another Covid-19 Inquiry team for Scotland.

They are looking at how Scotland dealt with Covid-19.



In February there was a discussion about making sure Scotland's issues are looked at separately.



You can read more about this on our website.

# What's next?



Our listening project will start later this year.



Before our listening project starts we will be looking for **research** groups who can help us.



**Research** is when someone collects and looks at information to find out new things.

# Find out more



You can look at our website at:

[www.covid19.public-inquiry.uk](http://www.covid19.public-inquiry.uk)

If you need more information you can contact us by:



- Post:

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