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May Newsletter

From the UK Covid-19 Inquiry
team



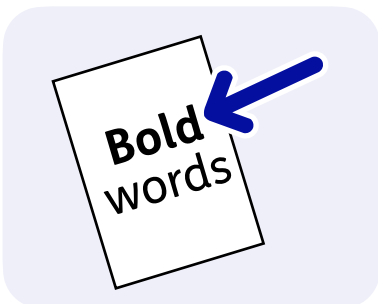
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This is an Easy Read version of some hard information. It may not include all of the information but will tell you about the important parts.



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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About this newsletter



This newsletter is from Anisha Worbs and the UK Covid-19 Inquiry team.



We are the group that is looking 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 newsletter will tell you about the work we did in May.

Our listening project



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



It is called 'Every Story Matters'.

On 27 April we shared information about:



- How our listening project will work.

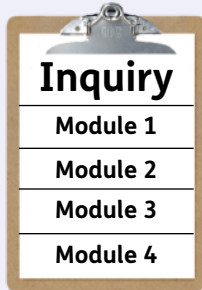


- How we will listen to people's stories about Covid-19.



You can find this information here:
[www.covid19.public-inquiry.uk/
documents/every-story-matters-
summary-27-april-2023](http://www.covid19.public-inquiry.uk/documents/every-story-matters-summary-27-april-2023)

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

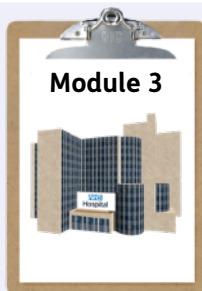


Module 1 is about how ready the UK was for Covid-19.



On 25 April we talked about how we will look into this.

We decided that:



- We will look into how ready hospitals were for Covid-19 in Module 3, rather than Module 1.

We also decided:



- Dr Claas Kirchelle will give us more information about health organisations and how they have worked in the past.



- We will share information about our first **public hearing** on our website soon.

Public hearings are where we will hear from:



- Organisations that were a part of dealing with Covid-19.



- Government staff.



- People who were affected by Covid-19.

Module 2



Module 2 is about the decisions that politicians and the government made during Covid-19.



Across March we talked about how we will look into this.

We decided that:



- Public hearings for each country in the UK will happen in that country.

For example, Scotland's public hearings will happen in Scotland.



- Public hearings in Wales will be in both the Welsh and English language.

We also decided that the Covid-19 Inquiry team for Northern Ireland will look into:



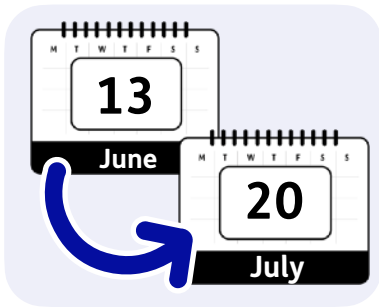
- The set up of their government.



- If the set up affected the decisions they made during Covid-19.

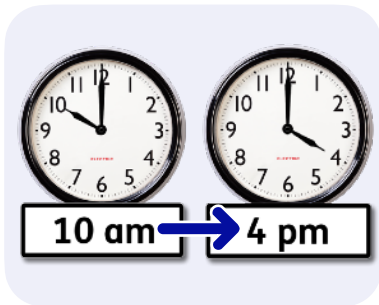
Public hearings in England

When will the public hearings take place?



The public hearings for Module 1 will start on Tuesday 13 June.

They will end on Thursday 20 July.



They will take place from 10.00am to 4.00pm, Monday to Thursday.

Where will the public hearings take place?



We have decided that England's public hearings will take place at Dorland House in London.



We want to make sure that anyone can go to the public hearings in person if they would like to.

We have chosen Dorland House because it:



- Is close to public transport, like Paddington station.



- Has seating for the public.



- Has **hearing loops**.

A **hearing loop** is a piece of equipment that helps people who are deaf or struggle to hear.



- Has toilets that disabled people can use.



We advise that anyone who is coming to the public hearings in person should get to Dorland House early.



This is because there might not be enough space for everyone.



People can also listen to the public hearings online on YouTube.

Remembering Covid-19



We have been working with lots of people to create different kinds of art that help us remember the effects of Covid-19.

We have been making:



- Films which tell the stories of people who struggled during Covid-19.



- **Tapestries** which show the stories of people who struggled during Covid-19.

A **tapestry** is a type of art. It is a large piece of fabric that shows a picture.



The films and tapestries will be seen at the public hearings.

Thank you

We would like to say thank you to everyone who:



- Helped us make our films and tapestries.



- Took part in the online talk about our listening project.



- Has given us support and feedback on our work.



We understand getting information about our work might make you think about sad memories from Covid-19.



You can find organisations that will support you with this here:

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

Find out more



You can look at our website at:

www.covid19.public-inquiry.uk

If you need more information you can contact us by:



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