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# July Newsletter

From the UK Covid-19 Inquiry team



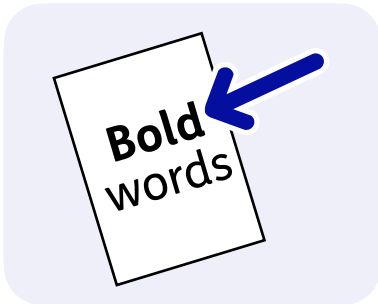
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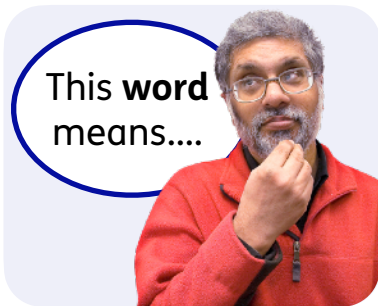
This is an Easy Read version of some information. It may not include all of the information but it will tell you about the important parts.



This Easy Read booklet 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 Samantha Edwards 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 July.

# Message from Samantha Edwards



My name is Samantha Edwards.



I am in charge of telling the public about the work the UK Covid-19 Inquiry is doing.



I am also in charge of 'Every Story Matters'.



This is the way that everyone in the UK can tell the Inquiry about what happened during Covid-19.



You can find out more about Every Story matters on our website:  
[www.covid19.public-inquiry.uk/every-story-matters/](http://www.covid19.public-inquiry.uk/every-story-matters/)



I have worked with many of you to find the right ways to remember what Covid-19 was like.



This includes the Inquiry's **tapestry**.

A **tapestry** is a piece of material with drawings sewn into it to tell a story.



You can find out more about this on our website:

[www.covid19.public-inquiry.uk/news/first-commemorative-tapestry-panels-unveiled-at-covid-inquiry-hearing-centre](http://www.covid19.public-inquiry.uk/news/first-commemorative-tapestry-panels-unveiled-at-covid-inquiry-hearing-centre)



The **public hearings** for the first part of the Inquiry have now ended.

**Public hearings** are when people tell the Inquiry what they know about Covid-19.

Thank you to everyone who:



- Came to watch the hearings.



- Watched them online.



- Heard about them in the news.



We expect to share the report about the first part of the Inquiry by the summer of 2024.

# Tell us what you think about our newsletters



Lots of people read our email newsletters now.

We would like to know how:



- Useful you find the newsletters.



- We can make them better.

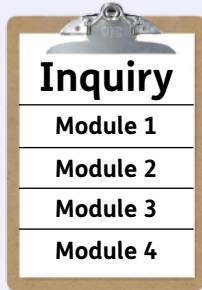


Please fill in this form to tell us what you think:

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# Looking back at Module 1



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 was all about how ready the UK was for Covid-19.



Module 1 has now finished.

69 people told us how ready the UK was for Covid 19, including:



- Politicians.



- Scientistis.



- Government workers.



- Experts.



- Family members of people who died from Covid-19.



We recorded what people said and wrote down reports.



You can see the videos and reports on our website here:

[www.covid19.public-inquiry.uk/  
hearings/resilience-and-preparedness](http://www.covid19.public-inquiry.uk/hearings/resilience-and-preparedness)

# Plans for the other Modules

## Module 2



This Module is all about decisions made during Covid-19.



The Inquiry will start hearing information about this on 3 October 2023.



This Module will look the decisions about Covid-19 made by:

- The UK government.



- Government staff.

Module 2 will look the decisions about Covid-19 made by:



- Governments in Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland.



- Local councils.

## Module 3



Module 3 is all about how Covid-19 affected the healthcare systems in the UK.

It will look at:



- How healthcare was managed.

Module 3 will also look at:



- Healthcare in local areas.



- Waiting lists in the NHS.



- How having the Covid-19 vaccine affected healthcare systems.



- How people with **Long Covid** were supported.

**Long Covid** is when people did not get better from Covid-19 for a long time.



You can see more about Module 3 on our website:

[www.covid19.public-inquiry.uk/modules/impact-of-covid-19-pandemic-on-healthcare-systems-in-the-4-nations-of-the-uk](http://www.covid19.public-inquiry.uk/modules/impact-of-covid-19-pandemic-on-healthcare-systems-in-the-4-nations-of-the-uk)

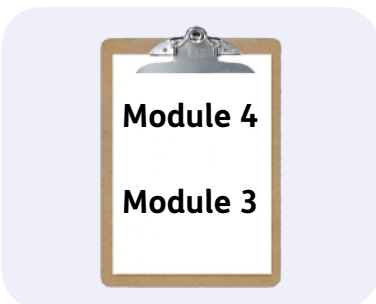
# Module 4



Module 4 is all about how vaccines and other treatments helped to deal with Covid-19.



The first hearing for Module 4 will be on Wednesday 13 September 2023.



These hearings will happen before the hearings for Module 3.



You can see more about Module 4 on our website:

[www.covid19.public-inquiry.uk/modules/vaccines-and-therapeutics-module-4](http://www.covid19.public-inquiry.uk/modules/vaccines-and-therapeutics-module-4)

# Judges' decision about information we can look at

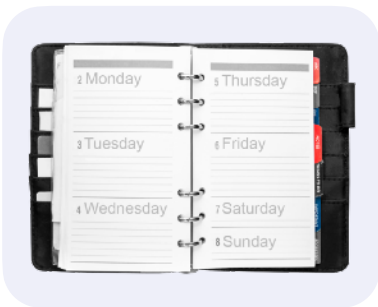
Judges had to decide if the Inquiry could see **Boris Johnson's**:



- WhatsApp messages.



- Notebooks.



- Diaries.



**Boris Johnson** was the Prime Minister when Covid-19 happened.





On 6 July the judges decided that the Inquiry should be allowed to see all of these things.



Baroness Hallet is leading the Inquiry.



She can decide which documents need to be looked at for the Inquiry.

# Experts about unfairness in the UK

Baroness Hallett decided that the Inquiry should hear about unfairness in the UK before Covid-19, including:



- Racism - this is when people are treated unfairly because of their family background or skin colour.



- Unfairness for disabled people.



- Unfairness for women and other genders.

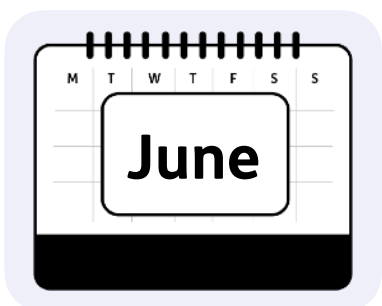


- Unfairness for children from different backgrounds.

# Tapestry to remember Covid-19



A **tapestry** is a piece of material with drawings sewn into it to tell a story.

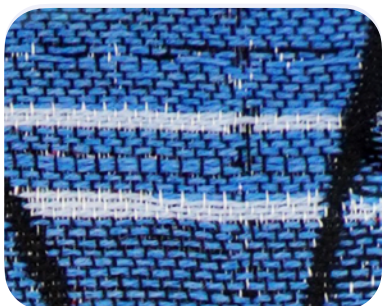


The first 4 parts of the tapestry were shown to the Inquiry in June.



You can see the tapestry on our website here:

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



You can zoom in on each part of the tapestry to find out more about it.

# Films about how Covid-19 affected people



Module 1 started with a short film about how Covid-19 affected people in the UK.



You can see this video on our Youtube page here:

[www.youtube.com/watch?v=vXgM5Auv7WA](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vXgM5Auv7WA)



Please know that the video might be upsetting to watch.

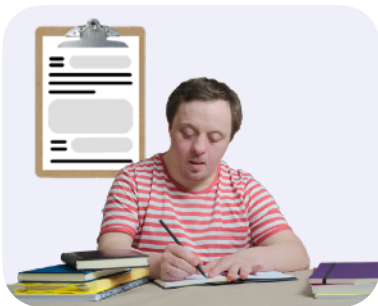


We would like to thank everyone who shared their stories of Covid-19.

# Every Story Matters



**Every Story Matters** is the way for everyone in the UK to tell the Inquiry about what happened to them during Covid-19.

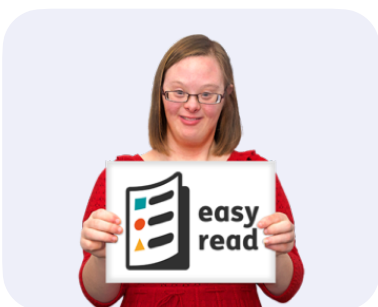


We have forms on our website for everyone to tell us about this.



You can see the Easy Read forms on our website here:

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



You can find the Easy Read forms by going down the page until you see the Easy Read heading.



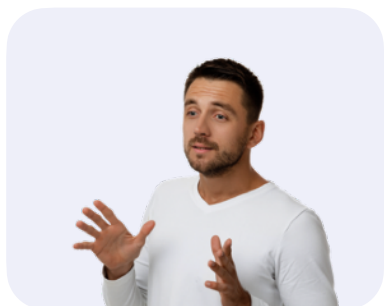
If you need the form in a different way, like British Sign Language, you can find information about this on our website.

# Get our weekly updates



We have been sending out weekly email updates about the hearings.

The email updates will tell you:



- Who spoke at the hearings that week.



- What they talked about.



If you would like to get these when Module 2 starts, you can sign up for them here:

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

# Find out more



You can look at our website:

[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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UK COVID-19 Public Inquiry



That's all you have to write on the envelope. You do not need a stamp.



- Email:

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