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# December Newsletter

From the UK Covid-19 Inquiry team



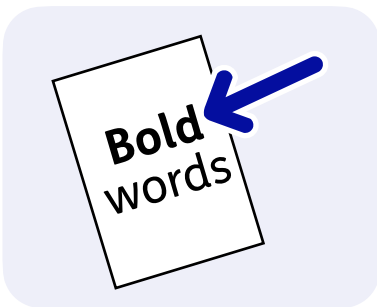
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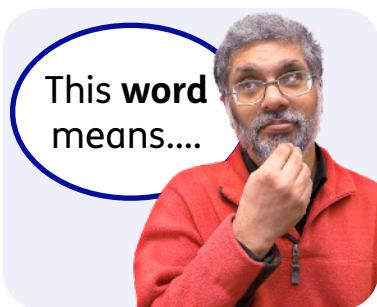
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Some words are in **bold** - this means the writing is thicker and darker.



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



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# About this newsletter



This newsletter is from Ben Connah 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 December 2023.

# A message from Ben Connah



My name is Ben Connah. I am the Secretary of the Covid-19 Inquiry.



This means I organise the Inquiry team's work and I help in any way they need.



We are getting to the end of the part of the Inquiry that looks at the decisions about Covid-19 made by:

- The UK government.



- Government staff.



- Local councils.



I want to thank everyone who has spoken at the **public hearings** so far, or watched online.



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



I know that this time of year can be difficult for people affected by Covid-19.



If you want to talk to someone about what Covid-19 was like for you, you can find organisations to help on our website, here:

<https://covid19.public-inquiry.uk/support/>



We have been travelling around the country to listen to what Covid-19 was like for people in different places.

We have spoken to hundreds of people, including:



- People who are still affected by Covid-19.



- People who have a family member who died during Covid-19.



Please think about telling us about what Covid-19 was like for you.



You can tell us your story on the Every Story Matters website here:

<https://covid19.public-inquiry.uk/every-story-matters/>



In January and February, we will be having public hearings to find out more about how decisions were made in Scotland.



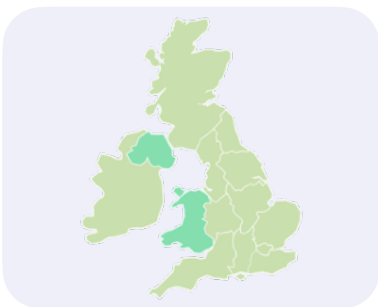
The public hearings in Scotland will be in Edinburgh, and you can go and watch them.



You will need to fill in a 'reservation form' the week before you want to go and watch a hearing.



We will share the form on this website every Monday: [www.covid19.public-inquiry.uk/public-hearings/](http://www.covid19.public-inquiry.uk/public-hearings/)



Then we will go to Wales and Northern Ireland to find out what Covid-19 was like for people living there.





You can find out more about where and when the public hearings will be in Wales and Northern Ireland on our website here:

<https://covid19.public-inquiry.uk/news/update-uk-covid-19-inquiry-to-hear-evidence-in-scotland-wales-and-northern-ireland-in-early-2024/>

# Every Story Matters



We have carried on doing Every Story Matters events.

People can go to these events and share what Covid-19 was like for them in person.



They can share their stories with each other, and with the members of the Inquiry team that are there.



We are going to more places to find out what Covid-19 was like for people.



In February 2024 we are planning to visit:

- Glasgow/Paisley
- Enniskillen
- Derry/Londonderry
- Stockton-on-Tees
- Bradford



You can find out more about these events on the Every Story Matters part of our website here:

<https://covid19.public-inquiry.uk/every-story-matters-events/>

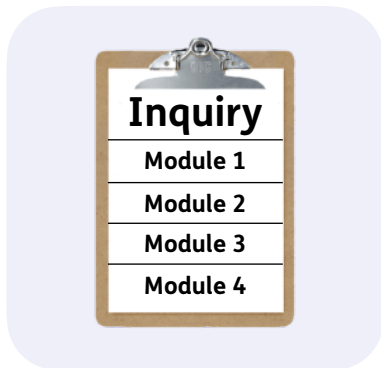


We would love to hear from more people who use Easy Read.

You can now tell us your story on our website in an Easy Read form, which you can find here:

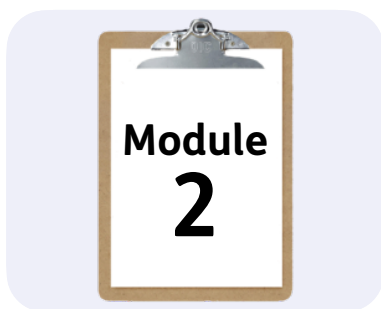
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# Module work



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 2

Module 2 is about all about decisions made during Covid-19.



The public hearings for Module 2 ended on Thursday, 14 December.



The public hearings lasted for 9 weeks, and 76 people told us their stories.



The Chair of the Inquiry is called Baroness Hallett.



She is in charge of the Inquiry team's work and leads the public hearings.



She has already started writing a report about what the Inquiry has found out and what she thinks should happen.



This means that we will not need to wait until the end of the Inquiry to find out what we can do better.

# Module 6



Module 6 of the Inquiry is about what happened in care homes.



We are also going to start this module of the Inquiry soon.



If you want to find out more about this module, please look at our website here:

<https://covid19.public-inquiry.uk/modules/care-sector-module-6/>

# Bereaved forum



A **forum** is like an online space where people can post messages and chat with other people.



Our **bereaved forum** is for people who have a family member who died during Covid-19.



These people can share what Covid-19 was like for them on the bereaved forum.



We ask people who take part in the bereaved forum to give us advice about our projects, like Every Story Matters.



If you are interested in being asked to give us advice, please email: [engagement@covid19.public-inquiry.uk](mailto:engagement@covid19.public-inquiry.uk)

# 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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