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January Newsletter

From the UK Covid-19 Inquiry team



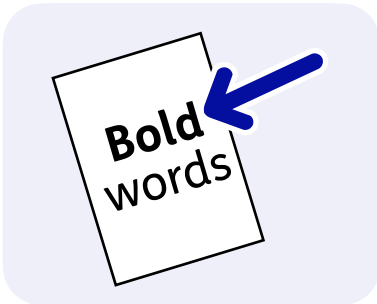
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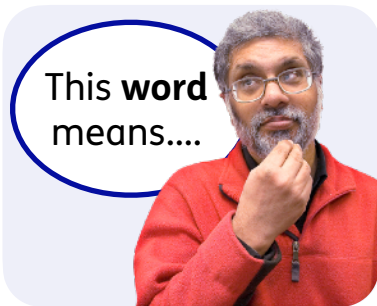
This is an Easy Read version of some information. It may not include all of the information but it will tell you about the important parts.



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.



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About this newsletter



This newsletter is from Laura Pellington-Woodrow 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 January 2024.

A message from Laura Pellington-Woodrow



Welcome to our first newsletter of 2024.



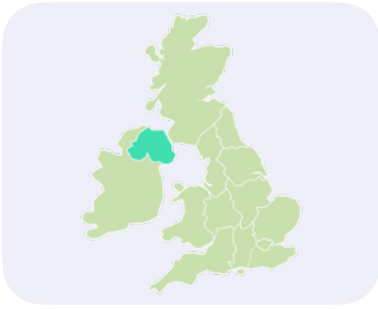
In 2024 we will be looking closely at what happened during Covid-19 in each part of the United Kingdom.



In January, we looked at what it was like during Covid-19 in Scotland.



In February we will look at what it was like in Wales.



In April we will look at what it was like in Northern Ireland.



Our Every Story Matters events are starting again in February. You can find out more here:

www.covid19.public-inquiry.uk/every-story-matters-events

Hearings in Edinburgh



The Covid Inquiry heard about what Covid-19 was like in Scotland.



The hearings were at the Edinburgh International Conference Centre from Tuesday 16 January to Thursday 1 February.



You can watch the hearings that have happened in the past on our YouTube channel:

[www.youtube.com/
@UKCovid-19Inquiry](https://www.youtube.com/@UKCovid-19Inquiry)

Every Story Matters Scotland

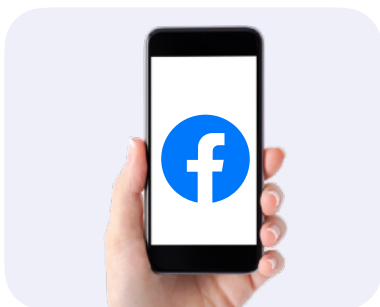


The Secretary to the Inquiry, Ben Connah has been telling people in Scotland how they can share their stories.

You can see videos of Ben in Edinburgh on:



- [Instagram](#)



- [Facebook](#)



- [LinkedIn](#)



You can read more about Every Story Matters in Scotland on our website: www.covid19.public-inquiry.uk/news/inquiry-in-edinburgh-to-highlight-every-story-matters-on-eve-of-module-2a-hearings

How Covid-19 affected children and young people



We have started working with **Verian** to find out more about how children and young people were affected by Covid-19.

Verian is a company that does **research** - this means finding out new information about something.

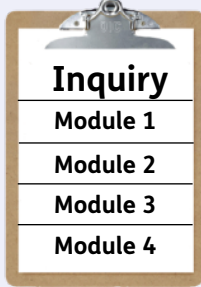


They will talk to children and young people to find out what Covid-19 was like for them.



You can read more about this here: www.covid19.public-inquiry.uk/news/inquiry-appoints-new-partner-to-investigate-impact-of-the-pandemic-on-children-and-young-people

Update of Module 4 of the Inquiry



The Inquiry is split up into different parts called Modules.



Module 4 is all about vaccines and other medicines used to treat Covid-19.



We were planning to look at this Module in the summer of 2024.



But we will now look at this Module at a later date.



This is so organisations have more time to tell us information about **Module 3**.

Module 3 is about how Covid-19 affected healthcare services.

Inquiry in numbers



We have looked at a lot of information so far in the Inquiry.

Here are some numbers:



- We have put 1537 documents on our website.



- We have have got 1160 emails and letters from the public.



- Our videos from the hearings for Module 2 have been watched 1.1 million times on YouTube.

Remembering how Covid-19 affected people



Some people have made artwork to help us remember Covid-19.



We are showing some of the artwork at our hearings.



We are showing artwork that was made near to where the hearings happen.

In Edinburgh, the artwork will be:



- A photo of the Broken Hearts tapestry panel by Andrew Crummy.



- A photo of I Remember: Scotland's Covid Memorial in Glasgow.



- A photo of the Memorial Bench in Glasgow's Pollok Country Park.



- Prints of 4 panels from the Covid Chronicle - this is artwork to remember Covid-19.



- A poem called For Those We Lost To Covid, And For Those They Left Behind by Alan Wightman.

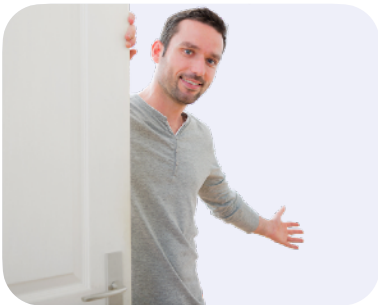
Every Story Matters events



In 2024, we are planning to visit different places in the UK.



You can find out the dates and times of the events on our website:
www.covid19.public-inquiry.uk/every-story-matters-events



You can just come along on the day, there is no need to book.



We can also visit a meeting or event you are having to hear people's stories.



If you would like us to come to your event or meeting, please email us:
engagement@covid19.public-inquiry.uk

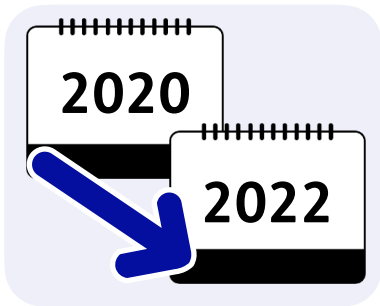
Bereaved forum



The Inquiry has set up a **bereaved forum**.



This is a place online where people who have lost a friend or family member to Covid-19 can share their stories.



This is open to anyone who lost someone between 2020 and 2022.

People on the bereaved forum will get a regular email about chances to give advice to the Inquiry on:



- Every Story Matters.



- Our work to remember people lost to Covid-19.



If you are interested in joining the forum, please email:
engagement@coronavirus.inquiry.gov.uk

Find out more



You can look at our website:

www.covid19.public-inquiry.uk

If you need more information you can contact us by:



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