



UK Covid-19 Inquiry



**March 2024
Newsletter**

Introduction

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March is the 4th anniversary of the first covid lockdown. This may be a hard time for many people.



There is a list of organisations who can help you on our website:

[Support - UK Covid-19 Inquiry](#)

Investigation update

Click on these links for more information about our investigations:

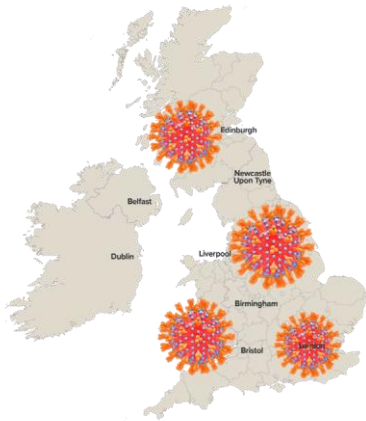
[Decision-making in Scotland](#)

[Decision-making in Wales](#)

[Decision-making in Northern Ireland](#)

[Healthcare in the UK](#)





The Covid Inquiry is finding out about:

- things that were done to prepare the UK **before** the pandemic
- how people were treated and protected **during** the pandemic



The Chair of the Inquiry is Baroness Hallett. You will be able to read her first report in the summer.

The report will be about:

- whether the UK was ready for a pandemic
- Recommendations to make sure we are ready for the next pandemic



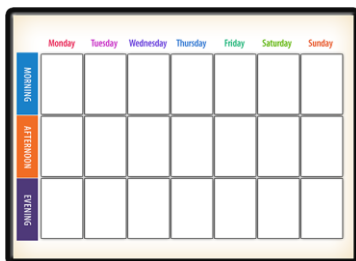
Hearings: update



At a **hearing**, people tell us about their experiences and opinions of the Covid-19 pandemic.



There will be 5 investigations between now and the summer of 2025.



The timetable for the hearings has been updated:



[Inquiry update: Public hearings for five investigations confirmed to summer 2025](#)

Care sector investigation



We have decided who will be involved in this investigation.



They are called [core participants](#).

Core participants will:

- get information about the inquiry
- tell us about their experiences and opinions
- suggest questions we should be asking



You do not have to be a core participant to take part in the inquiry.

Important dates



Tuesday 19th March

7th investigation starts:

Testing, tracing and isolation

[Link to more information](#)



Tuesday 30th April

Belfast hearings start.

[Link to more information](#)



Wednesday 22nd May

Hearing: vaccines and treatments

[Link to more information](#)



Thursday 23rd May

Hearing: decision-making and political governance, London.

[Link to more information](#)

Bereaved Forum



Being **bereaved** means that someone you love has died. The Bereaved Forum is for anyone who was bereaved during 2020-2022.



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



To join the forum, email us:

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