

MODULE 8

CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE (UNDER 12s)

UK
Covid-19
Inquiry

What is the UK Covid-19 Inquiry?

- The UK Covid-19 Inquiry is a big investigation to understand what happened during the pandemic and what we could have done better.
- This part, Module 8, is called “Children & Young People”.
- It’s all about how the pandemic has affected children and young people just like you in England, Wales, Scotland, and Northern Ireland.



Who is Module 8 looking at?

- We are looking at how the pandemic affected children and young people from different backgrounds from across the UK.
- This includes children who need extra help at school, in life, or who are new to our country.
- We also want to hear from teachers, parents and carers on what life was like for children during the pandemic and what they wish could have been different.



What is Module 8 looking at?

- We are looking at how well the UK prepared for the pandemic and how children were affected by the decisions that were made.
- We will also be looking at how the pandemic affected children in these areas of their lives:



Schools;



Physical and mental health;



Wellbeing and development;



Family life;



Using different services (like seeing a doctor or a social worker)



Using the internet



What do we want to learn?

- We want to learn how the pandemic affected children and young people and what can be done to help them if it ever happens again.
- We also want to help the people who make decisions understand the needs of children and young people in case there is another pandemic.
- We want to make sure that we understand how the pandemic is still affecting children and young people now, so we can learn from this.

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Module 8 will look at the pandemic's impact on your lives, how it affected your education, health, relationships and more.

Preparing for the pandemic

Did the UK consider children and young people when preparing for the pandemic? Were your needs and concerns taken into account? We'll examine the decisions made during this time, and the impact they had on your lives.



Education and early years

How did the pandemic impact your education? Did you miss school or college, or did your classes move online? If they did, did you have everything you needed to do your work?

We'll also look at childcare for younger children, like those in nursery. We'll examine the challenges and opportunities that came up during this time.



Health and wellbeing

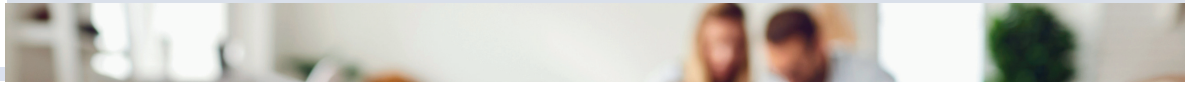
As well as the impact of the virus itself on your health, we'll also look at your wider physical and mental health. Did you manage to exercise? How did you cope with stress, anxiety, and isolation? Were there impacts on your wellbeing and development?





Family lives and social care

How did the pandemic affect your family? Did you experience changes in your relationships or support systems? We'll examine the impact on children at risk, young carers, and those in care or in contact with social workers.



Justice system

What about young people who were already involved with the criminal justice system? How did the pandemic affect your experiences and outcomes? We'll explore the impact on youth custody, youth defendants and offenders.



Immigration

How did the pandemic affect your experiences with immigration services or as an immigrant yourself?



Internet, online resources and online life

We'll also discuss how the pandemic changed your online habits, social media use, and whether you were able to access online resources, for example if you needed to understand the pandemic rules.



To find out more, visit the [Module 8 'Children and Young People' page](#)