



# UK Covid-19 Inquiry



May 2024 Newsletter



#### Introduction

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This newsletter tells you about the progress of the Inquiry to do with



#### Children and young people

Our 8<sup>th</sup> investigation will look at the effects of the pandemic on children and young people.



#### **Every Story Matters**

Find out how to tell us about your experiences.



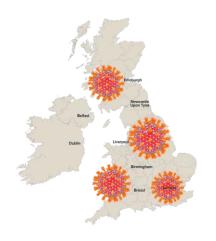
#### Social Care: share your experience

We want to hear from carers and people who work in social care.



#### **About the inquiry**

#### The Covid Inquiry is finding out



- what was 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. She is writing a report about



- whether the UK was ready for a pandemic
- recommendations to help us be ready for another pandemic



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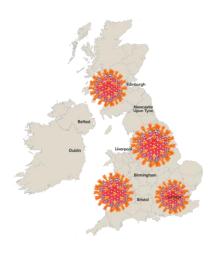
#### **Northern Ireland**

Thank you to everyone who took part in recent hearings in Belfast.



#### First report

Our first report will be ready in the summer. It is about how prepared the UK was for a pandemic.



#### **Second report**

We are writing a report about how decisions were made during the pandemic. It includes information from hearings in Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland.

#### **Future investigations**



Investigation: healthcare
This begins on the 9 September,
at Dorland House in London.

Find out more



**Investigation: money** 

From July 2024, we will also be looking at the country's money. This is sometimes called **economics**.



Mental health and wellbeing

We will look at the effects of the pandemic on people's mental health. There will be more information in the autumn.



### Children and young people

This part of our inquiry started on **21 May 2024**. Find out more here.



We are looking for people to become **Core Participants**.

Apply before 17 June 2024



Core Participants have a strong interest in how the pandemic affected children and young people.



You do not have to be a **Core Participant** to take part.



#### **Every Story Matters**

Anyone in the UK can tell us about their experience of the pandemic.



#### Tell us your story:

https://covid19.publicinquiry.uk/every-story-matters/

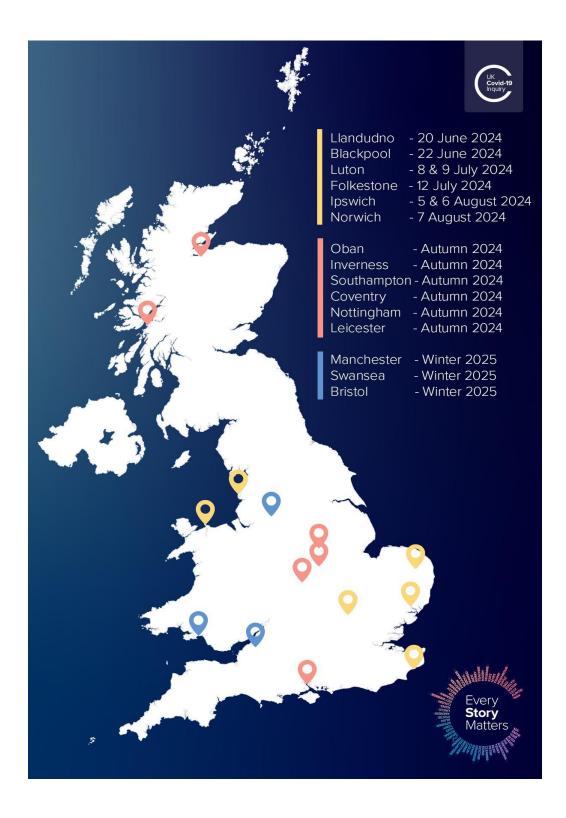


In May we spoke to people at the Balmoral Show in Northern Ireland.



We also held events in Belfast.
We spoke to more than
2000 people.

#### **Every Story Matters: events**



Find out more about our events here.



#### **Social Care**

We want to hear from people who, during the pandemic



- were carers
- worked in social care
- had family in a care home



Share your story with Every Story Matters.



The things you say will help us to decide what to ask witnesses at the inquiry.

#### **Social Care**



We have made social media adverts.

They ask people to share their stories.









Help us by **liking** and **sharing** the ads when you see them.

#### **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 get a regular email about how 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:

engagement@
covid19.public-inquiry.uk