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Permanent Secretaries
Via email

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Dear Permanent Secretaries,

COVID-19 INDEPENDENT INQUIRY - RECORD RETENTION

I wrote to you in June 2021 and February 2022 - ahead of the commencement of the UK public inquiry into the Covid-19 pandemic - to ask you to take steps to assure yourself of your Department's readiness to meet its obligations to provide relevant records, information and data to that inquiry as and when requested. As I set out, such readiness includes ensuring that no material of potential relevance to the inquiry is destroyed.

At the time of my previous letters, the terms of reference for the inquiry had not been finalised. Final terms of reference have now been published and the inquiry has been formally established. Full details are available at:

<https://hansard.parliament.uk/Commons/2022-06-28/debates/22062854000018/UKCovid-19Inquiry>.

If you have any questions about document retention please in the first instance contact your Departmental Records Officer. For questions about the COVID-19 inquiry, please email publicinquiries@cabinetoffice.gov.uk.

As the sponsor to this inquiry, I'd be happy to meet with anyone who has any questions.

Yours sincerely,

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