



# UK Covid-19 Inquiry



## July 2024 Newsletter



# Introduction

By Baroness Hallett  
**Chair of the Inquiry**

We have just published our first report.



It is about **resilience** and **preparedness**.



**Resilience** means the UK's strength and ability to cope with a pandemic.

**Preparedness** – did we prepare well enough, before it happened?

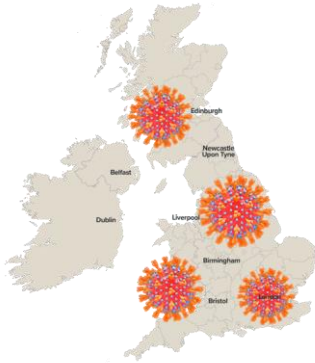


[Download the report here.](#)

There are different formats to choose from, including a [video summary.](#)

# Introduction

The first report tells us:



**The UK was not ready for the Covid-19 pandemic.**

This is the first of many reports.

Every report will include



- The things we found out
- The things that need to change



We will be checking that the things that need to change **do change**.

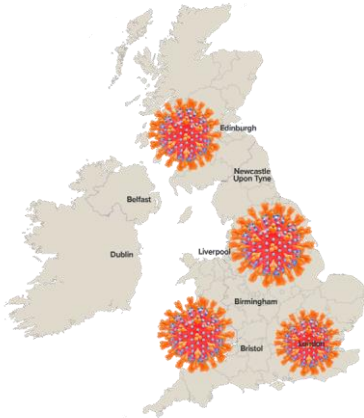
Changes must start to happen within 3 months of each report.



# 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



We are visiting every area of the UK, listening to 1000s of experts and members of the public.



Baroness Hallett is the Chair of the Inquiry. She is gathering information and writing reports.



## Module 9: The economy



This investigation will find out about support for businesses, workers and people on benefits.



It opened on 9 July 2024.

You can apply to be a **core participant** until 6 August.

[Find out more here.](#)



You do not have to be a core participant to tell us about your experiences.



The first hearing will be on 23 October 2024.



# Hearings in 2024-25

Here are the rest of our hearings, and start dates:



- **Healthcare**

September 2024 – [hearing dates here](#)

- **Vaccines and treatments**

January 2025

- **Procurement: buying goods and services to help with the pandemic**

March 2025

- **Test, trace and isolate**

May 2025

- **The care sector**

June 2025

- **Children and young people**

Autumn 2025

- **Businesses and jobs**

Winter 2025



[Find out more about all the hearings here](#)



# Guides for Children and young people

We have written two new guides



- for children under 12 years old
- for young people over 12

The guides explain what the Inquiry is, and the things we want to find out.



They will help children and young people to take part in the Inquiry.



[Find out more and download the guides here.](#)

# Every Story Matters



We listen to people's experiences of the pandemic. It is a very important part of the Inquiry.



We recently visited Llandudno, Blackpool, Luton and Folkestone.

We met more than **1600** people. **Thank you** to everyone who told us about your experiences.

**Tell us your story:**

[https://covid19.public-inquiry.uk/every-story-matters\\_er/](https://covid19.public-inquiry.uk/every-story-matters_er/)



Your stories help us decide what to ask witnesses at the inquiry.





# 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:**

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[covid19.public-inquiry.uk](https://covid19.public-inquiry.uk)