



# UK Covid-19 Inquiry



**September 2024  
Newsletter**

# Introduction

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**Welcome to our September Newsletter!**



The main topic of this newsletter is **Every Story Matters**. We published the Every Story Matters Healthcare Record this month.



You can also read about

- our final Investigation, about the impact of the pandemic on society.
- the dates when our hearings are happening
- gathering views from people who have Long Covid or have been bereaved





# Every Story Matters

Your experiences of the pandemic are very important to the Inquiry.



**Every Story Matters** is your chance to make sure your views and experiences are heard.



We travel around the country, visiting community groups, conferences and other events.

We have heard from

- people whose friends and relatives died during the pandemic
- healthcare workers
- mothers who gave birth during the pandemic
- ...and many more



# Every Story Matters

## The Healthcare Record



The things we learn through Every Story Matters are summarised in a **record**.



Use this link to find the Easy Read version of the record about **healthcare**:



<https://covid19.public-inquiry.uk/wp-content/uploads/2024/09/09110915/every-story-matters-healthcare-easy-read-1.pdf>



The [full version](#) was presented as evidence at the Module 3 hearing.



# Every Story Matters

Share your views and experiences of the pandemic.



**Every Story Matters website**

<https://bit.ly/3UNM2n7>



**Easy Read form for printing and posting**

<https://bit.ly/4hKLVm4>



**Come to an event**

<https://bit.ly/4es3uV4>



**Other accessible formats – email us**

[contact@coronavirus19.public-inquiry.uk](mailto:contact@coronavirus19.public-inquiry.uk)

# Every Story Matters

## Events in September



- Inverness
- Oban
- Glasgow



## Events in October



- Coventry
- Southampton
- Nottingham
- Leicester



**Find out more here:**

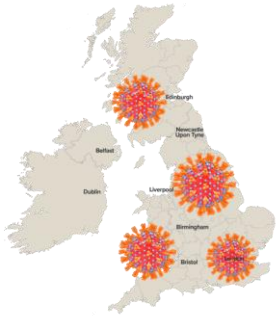
[https://covid19.public-inquiry.uk/  
every-story-matters-events/](https://covid19.public-inquiry.uk/every-story-matters-events/)

# Final Investigation



Our last investigation has opened.

It is about the **impact of the pandemic on society.**



This means finding out about the effects of the pandemic on:

- Adult mental health and wellbeing
- Key workers. For example, teachers, shop workers and funeral workers
- Vulnerable people. This includes people who were homeless, in prison, or suffering from domestic abuse.
- People who lost a friend or relative.



# Children and young people



The hearings for this module start in September 2025. We are gathering **evidence** for the hearings.

**Evidence** will include stories from



- 18 - 25 year olds
- parents and carers
- teachers
- other adults who worked with children during the pandemic



Please share your stories with  
Every Story Matters by  
**10 December 2024.**



# Hearings update

Given in order of dates:



## Module 3: Healthcare Systems

The effect of the pandemic on patients and healthcare workers.

**9 September – 28 November 2024**



## Module 4: Vaccines and Therapeutics

Looking at how vaccines were made and given to people. The treatments people with Covid-19 received.

**14 January – 30 January 2025**



## Module 5: Procurement

How medical equipment was bought and handed out across the UK.

**3 March – 27 March 2025**

# Hearings update



## **Module 7: Test, trace, isolate**

Testing for Covid-19, tracing people who may have caught it, and isolating them to prevent the virus spreading.

**12 May – 30 May 2025**



## **Module 6: The care sector**

The effects of the pandemic on Adult Social Care.

**30 June – 21 July 2025**



## **Module 8: Children and young people**

The effects of the pandemic on children and young people.

**29 September – 23 October 2025**

# Hearings update



## Module 9: Economic response

Decisions that UK governments made about spending money during the pandemic.

### Winter 2025



## Module 10: Impact on society

The effects of the pandemic on everyone in the UK. There is more information on **page 7** of this newsletter.

### Early 2026



There is a list of all the hearing dates on our website: <https://covid19.public-inquiry.uk/hearings/>

# Your questions



People have asked why we are not looking into certain issues.

This is how we hear from **bereaved families** and people with **Long Covid**:



- 11 bereaved people have been witnesses in our hearings

- the Bereaved Forum has 113 members



- we have a Long Covid Advisory Group

- 56 bereaved people and 9 people affected by Long Covid have been filmed. These films are shown at hearings.



# Bereaved Forum



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



People in 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](mailto:engagement@<br/>covid19.public-inquiry.uk)

# Getting help



If you need to talk to someone about losing a loved one, you can contact Hestia.



Hestia is a charity which helps people to recover from trauma and mental health problems.



**Phone:** 0800 246 5617



**Email:**

[covid19inquiry.support@hestia.org](mailto:covid19inquiry.support@hestia.org)



**Web:** <https://covid19.public-inquiry.uk/support-whilest-engaging-with-the-inquiry/>