



# Module 10

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# Provisional Outline of Scope for Module 10: Impact on Society

Module 10 is the final module of the Covid-19 UK Inquiry and, in accordance with its Terms of Reference, will examine the impact of Covid on the population of the United Kingdom with a particular focus on key workers, the most vulnerable, the bereaved, mental health and wellbeing. It will investigate the impact of the pandemic and the measures put in place to combat the disease and any disproportionate impact.

The module will also seek to identify where societal strengths, resilience and or innovation reduced any adverse impact.

Module 10 will therefore examine the impact of the pandemic and the measures put in place on:

1. The general population of the UK including the impact on mental health and wellbeing of the population. This will include the community level impact on sport and leisure and cultural institutions and the societal impact of the closure and reopening restrictions imposed on the hospitality, retail, travel and tourism industries. It will also cover the impact of restrictions on worship resulting from the closure and reopening of places of worship.
2. Key workers, excluding health and social care workers, but including those working in the police service, fire and rescue workers, teachers, cleaners, transport workers, taxi and delivery drivers, funeral workers, security guards and public facing sales and retail workers. It will cover:
  - The impact of implementing government decisions
  - Any inequality in the impact of interventions, including lockdown, testing and workplace safety
  - Any inequality in the impact on health outcomes, such as infections, mortality and mental and physical wellbeing.
3. The most vulnerable, including those outlined in the Inquiry's Equalities Statement as well as the clinically vulnerable and clinically extremely vulnerable. It will include the following topics:
  - Housing and homelessness
  - Safeguarding and support for victims of domestic abuse
  - Those within the immigration and asylum system
  - Those within prisons and other places of detention
  - Those affected by the operation of the justice system.
4. The bereaved, including restrictions on arrangements for funeral and burials and post-bereavement support.

## **Note to potential Core Participants for Module 10**

The Chair recognises that the scope of Module 10 is broad and that very many individuals and organisations could be said to be impacted in the manner set out in the Provisional Outline of Scope. With this in mind, the Chair is minded to designate only those applicants who can speak to a range of industries and/or parts of society impacted and are representative of the whole of the United Kingdom.

Others may still be able to contribute to the module by providing evidence of their experience in other ways, such as through witness statements or Every Story Matters.



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