



UK Covid-19 Inquiry



**October 2024
Newsletter**



Introduction

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Welcome to our October Newsletter!

Find out about:



- Every Story Matters
- how long the Inquiry will take
- how we check that recommendations make a difference
- our Investigations
- The Bereaved Forum and how to get emotional support



Every Story Matters



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



Every Story Matters is your chance to take part. The information we gather is used in the hearings.



Tell us your story:

https://covid19.public-inquiry.uk/every-story-matters_er/



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

Every Story Matters



In September, we visited



- Coventry
- Southampton
- Nottingham
- Leicester



We spoke to more than 3300 people.
We heard about experiences of
hardship and loss during the
pandemic.



Thank you to everyone who has
talked to us so far. There will be more
events in 2025.



Every Story Matters

Events planned for early 2025:



- Manchester
- Swansea
- Bristol

Find out more here:



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

Every Story Matters



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



This is a link to 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.

How long will the Inquiry take?



It takes a long time to gather evidence about all the different topics.



The topics are organised into **modules**.



We write a report at the end of each module.



Organisations can start working on the recommendations as soon as each report is published.



We expect the Inquiry to end in 2026.

What happens to the recommendations?



When we make recommendations, we write to each organisation who needs to make changes.



3 months after the report is published, we ask them to tell us about the things they will do.



If they don't reply, we write again. We tell the public if they do not reply within 9 months.



If they have not replied after 12 months, we will ask them why. We will tell the public again that the organisation has not replied.

Investigation update

Module 3: healthcare



We have finished half the hearings for this module. We have listened to over 60 witnesses.



A **hearing** is where the Inquiry listens evidence about what happened during the pandemic. Each hearing lasts for several days or weeks.



We shared 2 videos as part of the hearings. You may find them upsetting. You can watch them here:



[Impact film: part 1](#)

[Impact film: part 2](#)

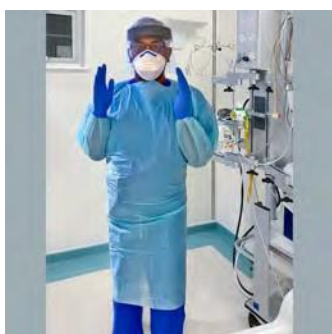
Investigation update

Module 9: economic response



Economic response means things like

- support for businesses
- payments for people who could not work
- extra money for hospitals and other health and care services



There is a list of Core Participants on our website: [List of Core Participants](#)

Core Participants are people and organisations who have a special interest in the work of 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 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@
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



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