



# Module 7

March 2024



# Module 7 Provisional Outline of Scope

## Test, Trace and Isolate

This module will look at, and make recommendations on, the approach to testing, tracing and isolation<sup>1</sup> adopted during the pandemic in England, Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland from January 2020 until February 2022.

The module will consider the policies and strategies developed and deployed to support the test, trace and isolate system by the UK Government and the Devolved Administrations. It will consider the decisions made by key bodies, other options or technologies that were available and factors that may have influenced public compliance

Module 7 will examine:

1. The test, trace and isolate policies and strategies developed and deployed, taking into account modelling, capacity of the systems throughout the pandemic and the rationale, appropriateness and data available for the decisions of the UK and devolved administrations and wider border policy considerations.
2. The availability, use and effectiveness of different test, trace and isolate technologies, policies and strategies including lateral flow and PCR tests, testing for variants, digital contact tracing and other testing techniques.
3. The structure of the test, trace and isolate system and the key bodies involved in decision making in the UK and Devolved Administrations. It will include the

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<sup>1</sup> This includes Test and Protect (Scotland), Test and Trace (England), Test, Trace, Protect (Wales) and Test, Trace and Protect (Northern Ireland).

efficacy and impact of the models adopted, the use of the private sector and other institutions and the cost.

4. Enforcement of testing, tracing and isolation procedures and factors influencing compliance, such as the adequacy of and trust in messaging, financial and practical support to those required to isolate and the availability and use of data in decision making.
5. The preservation of infrastructure, capacity and research to improve and develop test, trace and isolate schemes for future pandemics.

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