



# UK Covid-19 Inquiry



## December 2024 Newsletter



# Introduction

By Baroness Hallett  
Chair of the Inquiry

**Welcome to our December Newsletter!**



Thank you to everybody who took part in Module 3, about healthcare. There will be a report soon about the things we learned.



Module 4 starts in January. It is about vaccines and therapeutics. **Therapeutics** are the drugs and other treatments that were used to treat covid patients.



Please visit our [Every Story Matters website](#). Your stories help me to write my recommendations.



## Module 3: healthcare

Things we heard about in this investigation:

- leadership in government departments
- health inequality
- effect of the pandemic on staff
- how prepared we are to cope with a pandemic in the future
- decisions about people's treatment
- rules about visiting people
- long covid
- the effect on families when a loved one died in hospital



**DNR**



[Watch our impact films](#) about people's experiences of healthcare.



# Module 4:

## Vaccines and Therapeutics



Covid-19 **vaccines** are given to people as an injection.

A **vaccine** teaches your body to recognise and fight a virus.



**Therapeutics** help people to recover from Covid-19 more quickly.

Examples of **therapeutics** include drugs and antibodies.



**The hearings for this investigation are in London:**

**Start:** Tuesday 14 January 2025

**End:** Friday 31 January 2025



During Module 4 we will investigate:

- how vaccines were developed, made, approved and sold



- how treatments were developed and tested



- how vaccines were delivered across the UK

- vaccine safety



- if we need to change the UK Vaccine Damage Payment Scheme



**To watch the Module 4 hearing:**



**[Book a seat at the hearing in London](#)**



**[Watch it on YouTube](#)**

**To get updates:**



**[Visit the module 4 hearings page](#)**



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## Every Story Matters events:

### Manchester



6 and 7 February

10.30am – 5.30pm

**The Rates Hall.**

**Enter through Manchester Central**

**Library, St Peter's Square, M2 5PD**

### Bristol



11 and 12 February

10.30am – 5.30pm

**The Galleries**

**25, Union Gallery, Broadmead,**

**BS1 3XD**

### Swansea



14 and 15 February

11am – 7pm

**LC2, Oystermouth Road, SA1 3ST**





As well as running our own events, we visit groups and conferences.

Here are 3 of our recent visits:



**Learning Disability Wales Conference**



**Violence against women and girls conference.**



**Institute of Health Visiting Leadership Conference**



## We want to hear from you!

Especially:



- parents
- people who struggled with money during the pandemic

This is to help with our investigations about:



- children and young people
- how the government helped people and organisations with money



[Click this link to share your story!](#)

# 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 about



- Every Story Matters
- our work to remember people lost to Covid-19



To join the forum, email us:

[engagement@](mailto:engagement@)

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