



# UK Covid-19 Inquiry



## February 2025 Newsletter

# Introduction

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**Welcome to our February  
Newsletter. Find out about:**



- things we have learned about vaccines and therapeutics.
- our next investigation, about buying things like masks and aprons during the pandemic.
- our module about the effects of Covid-19 on society.
- Every Story Matters: how to tell the inquiry about your experiences of the pandemic.



# 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 have now finished.



[Find out more about the hearings on our website.](#)

## During Module 4 we found out about:



- how vaccines were developed and approved
- how vaccines were delivered to people across the UK



- reasons why some people did not get the vaccine



- vaccine safety, and the [Vaccine Damage Payment Scheme](#)



- medicines that were used to treat Covid-19



# Module 5



Module 5 is about **procurement**.

The hearings start in March.



**Procurement** is the process of buying things.

During the Covid-19 pandemic, governments had to quickly buy lots of things like masks, aprons and gloves, to keep people safe.



We will find out about how healthcare equipment was bought and sold.

For example:

- contracts
- the companies selling equipment
- the rules that were followed





**Module 5 hearings start on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of March, in London.**



[Find out how to book a seat](#)

at Dorland House, Paddington, W2 6BU



[Watch it on YouTube](#)

**For information and updates:**



[Visit the module 5 hearings page](#)



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# Government responses



The Covid Inquiry's first report was published in July 2024.

[Link to the Easy Read version](#)



The 4 UK governments have each written a response to the report.

You can read them online:



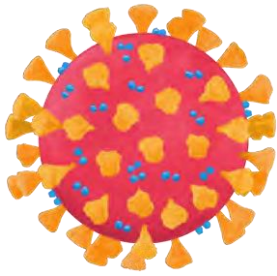
- [UK Government](#)
- [Scottish Government](#)
- [Welsh Government](#)
- [Northern Ireland Executive](#)



These responses are not in Easy Read. You can contact each government to ask for an accessible format.



# Module 10



Module 10 is about the impact of the pandemic on **society**.



**Society** means all people and groups in a country. It includes families, workers, businesses and the government.

## We will find out about:



- people who lost friends and family
- people's mental health
- the effects of lockdowns and other restrictions
- the effects of closing and reopening of places of worship



## We will find out about groups of people who were particularly affected by the pandemic:



- police, fire and ambulance workers

- teachers



- health and care workers

- cleaners, delivery drivers and shop workers



- transport workers

- people who were:

- homeless

- being abused at home

- in the immigration system

- in the criminal justice system





We are running meetings called **roundtables**, to find out about the effects of the pandemic on society.



There will be a report from each meeting about the things people tell us. [You will be able to read the reports on our website.](#)



The reports will be part of the evidence which is given to the inquiry. They will help us to ask witnesses questions during the hearings.



The hearings for Module 10 will start in early 2026.

# Every Story Matters



Every Story Matters is how people share their experiences of the pandemic with the inquiry.



Our events around the UK have now finished. You can still [visit the website to tell us your story.](#)



The final events were in February. We visited Manchester, Bristol and Swansea. We spoke to over 1200 people at these events.



The things people tell us are included in Every Story Matters Records. These are used in the inquiry.