



UK Covid-19 Inquiry



**May 2025
Newsletter**



Introduction

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Chair of the Inquiry



Welcome to our May Newsletter.



We have reached the end of Every Story Matters. People from across the UK shared over 58,000 stories with us.



Every Story Matters has been the largest listening exercise of any UK public Inquiry.

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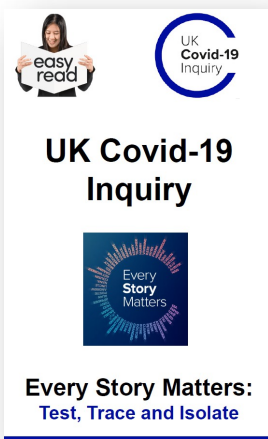
We listened to people online, by post, and at our events.



People's stories are helping us to find ways to reduce suffering and hardship in future pandemics.



The stories are collected in documents called **Every Story Matters Records**.



Records are used as evidence in the Inquiry. 3 have been published:

- Healthcare
- Vaccines and therapeutics
- Test, trace and isolate



I would like to thank everyone who shared their stories about the pandemic with us.

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Module 7

Module 7 is about **test, trace and isolate**.



Test means testing to see if you have Covid-19 or not.

Trace means finding people you have been in close contact with.



Isolate means keeping away from other people so the virus cannot spread.

Hearings have been happening throughout May.



Baroness Hallett has heard evidence from over 40 witnesses. Her report will be published next year.



STAY AT HOME



YouTube

Things we heard about included:

- the rules about testing, tracing and staying at home
- things that stopped people isolating
- reasons why some people found it hard to get tested for covid
- how people's information was used

The Every Story Matters Record was also used as evidence.

We watched an impact film.

It includes things that might upset you.

Module 10



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



The hearings will start on Monday 16 February 2026, and end on Thursday 5 March 2026.



We have been having meetings called **roundtable discussions**, to prepare for the hearings.



We hear about the experiences of people from lots of different organisations.



This month we have heard from organisations working in:

- justice
- travel
- hotels and restaurants
- sport and leisure
- culture



Next month we will hear from organisations working in housing and homelessness.



The things we learn in each meeting are written in a report.



The reports are used as evidence in the Inquiry. [Find out more here.](#)