



UK Covid-19 Inquiry



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Newsletter**



Introduction

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Welcome to our July Newsletter.

Find out about:

- recent Module 6 hearings about the Care Sector
- the UK Governments' responses to our Module 1 report and recommendations



Our next newsletter will be about the **Module 8** hearings. They start in the autumn. **Module 8** is about children and young people.



Module 6: The Care Sector

The hearings for this part of the Inquiry happened in July.



Witnesses told Baroness Hallett about their experiences.

Witnesses were, for example:



- people who lost friends or relatives who lived in care homes
- people representing staff who worked in care during the pandemic
- people who made decisions about things like visiting rules, testing and isolation



Here are some of the witnesses who answered questions at the hearings:



Jane Wier-Wierzbowska
Covid-19 Bereaved
Families for Justice



Professor Fu-Meng Khaw
Public Health Wales



Emily Holzhausen CBE
Carers UK



Agnes McCusker
Covid-19 Bereaved
Families for Justice
Northern Ireland

Some examples of things people talked about at the hearings:



- not being able to visit people in care homes



- sending people home from hospital too quickly



- not having enough masks, aprons and gloves to keep everyone safe



- the government not knowing enough about what was happening in care homes

Watch recordings of the hearings:



www.youtube.com/@UKCovid-19Inquiry



The Adult Social Care Record.

The Record was used as evidence in the Module 6 hearings.

It is about the experiences of:



- families
- care workers and unpaid carers
- people who need care and support



[Find the Easy Read version here.](#)

Module 1 responses



Module 1 was about how prepared the UK was for a pandemic.



Baroness Hallett listened to all the evidence.



She wrote a list of **recommendations**: things to help us get ready for a pandemic in the future.

She sent her report and recommendations to the:



- UK Government
- Welsh Government
- Scottish Government
- Northern Ireland Executive



Each government sent **responses** back to the Inquiry.

Follow these links to find out more:



HM Government

- **UK Government**
[Resilience Action Plan](#)



Llywodraeth Cymru
Welsh Government

- **Welsh Government**
[6-month update](#)



The Scottish
Government
Riaghaltas na h-Alba

- **Scottish Government**
[Progress update](#)



Northern Ireland
Executive

- **Northern Ireland Executive**
[Second response to the
Module 1 report](#)