



UK Covid-19 Inquiry January 2026 Newsletter

Message from Kate Eisenstein, Deputy Secretary to the UK Covid-19 Inquiry and Director of Policy, Research and Legal



Welcome to our January newsletter, the Inquiry's first update of 2026.

Early 2026 sees the Inquiry's hearings for its tenth and final investigation, [Module 10: Impact on Society](#). This module will examine the impact of the pandemic on the population of the UK, with particular focus on mental health and wellbeing, key workers, the most vulnerable and the bereaved. To support the Inquiry's final investigation, we will be publishing three Every Story Matters records that share the stories we've heard about bereavement, mental health and wellbeing and being a key worker during the pandemic. We anticipate the reports will be submitted into evidence on the first day of public hearings for Module 10.

The end of Module 10 hearings will mark the end of the Inquiry's hearings overall. We will then transition to a tightly-packed reporting phase. [Over the course of 2026, the Inquiry will publish five reports](#). These follow the [two reports published to date](#).

Each report will detail the Chair's findings and recommendations in relation to the corresponding investigation and will be published following thorough analysis of the evidence submitted to the Inquiry for each module investigation.

Thank you for your continued interest in the Inquiry and I look forward to seeing some of you through the course of the Module 10 hearing.

Inquiry sets out 2026 schedule for publication of Chair's findings and recommendations

This year the Inquiry will publish a further five reports covering [Healthcare Systems](#), [Vaccines and Therapeutics](#), [Procurement](#), the [Adult Social Care sector](#) and [Test, Trace and Isolate](#).

These reports will be published following thorough analysis of the evidence submitted to the Inquiry for each module investigation. The Chair of the Inquiry, Baroness Hallett, will set out her findings and recommendations in the reports, with the expectation that all accepted recommendations be implemented without delay. The Inquiry has [outlined the process that it will follow for monitoring the implementation of recommendations on the website](#).

The reports will follow those already published for [resilience and preparedness for a pandemic](#) and [core decision-making and political governance](#).

The publication schedule for these five reports is set out as follows, with the remaining three reports to be published in the first half of 2027:

Module	Opened on	Investigating	Hearing Dates	Report Date
3	8 Nov 2022	Healthcare systems	9 Sep 2024 - 28 Nov 2024	19 March 2026
4	5 Jun 2023	Vaccines, therapeutics and anti-viral treatment across the UK	14 Jan – 31 Jan 2025	16 April 2026
5	24 Oct 2023	Procurement	3 Mar – 27 Mar 2025	Summer 2026
6	12 Dec 2023	The care sector	30 Jun – 31 Jul 2025	Autumn 2026
7	19 Mar 2024	Test, trace and isolate	12 May – 30 May 2025	Autumn 2026
8	21 May 2024	Children and young people	29 Sep – 23 Oct 2025	2027
9	9 Jul 2024	Economic response	24 Nov – 18 Dec 2025	2027
10	17 Sep 2024	Impact on society	16 Feb 2026 - 5 Mar 2026	2027

[More information is available on our website.](#)

Impact of the pandemic on society (Module 10) public hearings

Public hearings for the Inquiry's Module 10 investigation into the impact of the pandemic on society begin on Monday 16 February. [Hearings will](#) run until Thursday 5 March 2026.

The Inquiry's Module 10 investigation considers a range of issues relating to the pandemic, including:

- adult mental health and wellbeing
- key workers, including those working in the police service, fire and rescue workers, teachers, cleaners, transport workers, taxi and delivery drivers, funeral workers, security guards and public facing sales and retail workers. Note that the experiences of health and social care workers will not be covered in this module as they are being investigated in [Module 3 \(Healthcare\)](#) and [Module 6 \(Adult Social Care\)](#).
- vulnerable people, including those who faced domestic abuse, homelessness, were within the immigration and asylum system, were in prison or other places of detention and those who were affected by the operation of the justice system
- the impact of the pandemic on the bereaved and bereavement support
- the impact of restrictions on worship resulting from the closure and reopening of places of worship
- the impact of restrictions on the hospitality, retail, travel and tourism industries
- the impact of restrictions imposed on community level sport and leisure

Further information about this investigation can be found on the [Module 10 page of our website](#).

Module 10 hearings will be held at Dorland House, Paddington, London, W2 6BU ([map](#)). Hearings are open to the public to attend - there are 41 seats available in the public gallery in the hearing room, in addition to a number of seating options available throughout the Inquiry's London hearing centre. [Information about how to reserve seats can be found on our website](#).

Hearings will be livestreamed on the [Inquiry's YouTube channel](#), subject to a three minute delay. All livestreams are available to watch later.

The Module 10 hearings timetable will be published on our website on each Thursday for the week ahead. Please note timings are provisional and subject to change.

We send out weekly updates via email during our public hearings, summarising key topics and who appeared as witnesses. You can sign up for these from the [newsletter page of the website](#) if you have not already done so.

Inquiry to publish nine roundtable reports and three Every Story Matters records on the impact of the pandemic on society (Module 10)

In addition to oral evidence from witnesses, research and expert reports, Module 10 will be informed by three [Every Story Matters](#) records. These bring together people's experiences in

relation to mental health and wellbeing, being a key worker and bereavement during the pandemic. Insights from [nine roundtable discussions](#) will further inform the investigation.

Module 10 is using roundtable reports as another method of gathering information for the Inquiry. The roundtable discussions, which took place in 2025, provided an opportunity for the Inquiry to listen to and gain insights from a range of organisations and sectors, which will complement other sources of evidence gathered as part of the Inquiry's investigation. We are grateful to the over 100 charities, campaign groups and other organisations representing those impacted by the pandemic who participated in these discussions.

The insights shared during the roundtables have been collated into nine summary reports, summarising the societal impact of the pandemic on the UK population. These reports will be formally presented as evidence to the Module 10 hearing, at which point they will be published on the Inquiry's website. You can find more information about the [Module 10 roundtables](#) on our website.

Note on December 2025 newsletter

We are aware of an issue with the distribution of the December 2025 newsletter meaning that it was not sent to everyone on our mailing list. We sincerely apologise for this error. If you have not received it then [a copy can be accessed on the website](#).