



UK Covid-19 Inquiry



**February 2026
Newsletter**
Introduction



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Welcome to our February newsletter.

It is about Module 10: the impact of the pandemic on society.



Module 10 update



Module 10 is about how the Covid-19 pandemic affected **society**.



We are learning about:

- Mental health and wellbeing
- Key workers
- People who are disabled, unwell or isolated
- People who lost someone close to them





Module 10 hearings

Baroness Hallett listens to **evidence** at the **hearings**.

The hearings are happening in London. They end on Thursday 5 March.

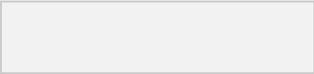
[This is a link to the timetable for the Module 10 hearings.](#)

How to watch the hearings

At Dorland House, London:

- [Book a seat at Dorland House](#)





Watch live or recorded hearings online:

- [Covid Inquiry YouTube channel](#)

Impact film



The Module 10 hearings began with an Impact Film. It is about people's experience of the pandemic.

[Follow this Link to watch the impact film](#)



People's experiences



The Inquiry writes **Every Story Matters**

records about people's experiences of the pandemic.



Things people said about mental health and wellbeing.

- People felt anxious. They were afraid of catching Covid-19. They worried about people they care for catching it.
- News updates made people anxious.



- People who were abused by people they live with could not get support.



- It was very hard for people who were addicted to drugs or alcohol.

- New parents, and parents who home-schooled their children, felt overwhelmed and had no support.



Things people said about key workers. •
Key workers felt afraid to go to work.



- They did not want to catch Covid-19 or pass it to people they lived with.



- There were often not enough staff, so people had to work more.

- Employers asked young people to work more. They thought they were less likely to catch Covid-19.



- Many key workers had mental health problems. Some are still unwell today.

- Many key workers felt that people did not appreciate them. 8



Things people said about bereavement.

- People could not say goodbye to their loved ones before they died.



- They felt angry and guilty. This was made worse by politicians who ignored lockdown rules.



- It was hard to arrange funerals.
There were rules about how many people could go.



- People were left to cope with grief on their own, without support.
- Many people were left with no money and nobody to care for them.





Links to the 3 Easy Read records:

Final Every Story Matters Record

We will publish the last Every Story Matters Record soon.

There will be an Easy Read version.

It is about everything we have found out during Every Story Matters.

Roundtable meetings



We ran meetings with more than 100 organisations.

We called these meetings **roundtables**.



People at the meetings were from, for example:

- Religious organisations
- Organisations helping abuse victims



and homeless people

- Prisons
- Hotels and travel companies •

Sport and leisure organisations

People talked about how the pandemic affected their organisations and the people they help.

There are 9 reports about the things people said.

The reports are being used as evidence for Module 10: the impact of Covid-19

on society.



Read the reports

here:

<https://covid19.public-inquiry.uk/roundtables/>

Module 3 report



Module 3 was about healthcare during the pandemic: being a patient and working in healthcare.

Healthcare includes things like:

- GPs and healthcare at home •

Hospitals

- Ambulances





The module 3 report will be on our website from Thursday 19 March.



Here is the link:
[Module 3 webpage](#)