

Equality, Local Government and Communities Committee

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Scrutiny of COVID-19 and its impact on the voluntary sector

The Equality, Local Government and Communities Committee is undertaking an inquiry into COVID-19 and its impact.

Terms of reference

We are exploring the impact of coronavirus on areas within our remit. We issued a consultation in April, to which there is no fixed deadline. We want to take a flexible approach to our scrutiny, so we can respond to the issues raised with us whilst taking account of the ever-changing situation.

We are now focussing particularly on the impact of the pandemic on the voluntary sector, in particular:

- funding and service delivery;
- the effectiveness of support from the UK and Welsh government and local authorities;
- volunteering and community resilience; and
- good practice and future opportunities and challenges.

We are keen to hear from stakeholders and anyone with views or experience. We do not expect detailed or lengthy evidence papers – a short email about your views on, and experiences of, the impact of the pandemic on the voluntary sector is more than enough. We will get in touch with you directly if there's anything we want to understand more fully. As well as gathering public views, we plan to undertake evidence sessions with relevant Ministers.

If you need any further information or wish to discuss further, please contact:

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Yours sincerely

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We welcome correspondence in Welsh or English.

