

# UK Covid-19 Inquiry – Monitoring report: Module update

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The UK Covid-19 Inquiry is split into different investigations – or ‘Modules’, which will examine different parts of the UK’s preparedness for and response to the pandemic and its impact. So far, eight investigations are underway.

The Chair aims to finish public hearings in 2026.

No.	Module	Opened	Scope	Preliminary hearing	Public hearing	Report
1	<u>Resilience and preparedness</u>	July 2022	To assesses if the pandemic was properly planned for and whether the UK was adequately ready for that eventuality. It considers the whole system of civil emergencies including resourcing, risk management and pandemic readiness.	4 Oct 2023 14 Feb 2023 25 Apr 2023	June to July 2023	Hearings completed. Report due 18 July 2024
2	<u>Core UK decision-making and political governance</u>	August 2022	Module 2 is divided into sections and examines the UK's political and administrative governance, including initial responses, central decision-making, performance, and relationships with devolved and local governments. It also evaluates the decision-making process for non-pharmaceutical measures and their contributing factors.	31 October 2022 1 March 2023 6 June 2023	October to December 2023	Hearings completed
2B	<u>Core UK decision making and political governance - Wales</u>	August 2022	Module 2B will address the strategic and overarching issues from the perspective of Wales. It will be treated as individually separate module.	29 Mar 2023 1 Nov 2023 12 Dec 2023	February to March 2024	Hearings completed



3	<u>Impact of Covid-19 pandemic on healthcare systems in the four nations of the UK.</u>	November 2022	To scrutinise the governmental and societal response to Covid-19 and assess its impact on healthcare systems, patients, and healthcare workers, including aspects like healthcare governance, primary care, NHS backlogs, vaccination programmes' effects on healthcare provision, and long Covid diagnosis and support	28 Feb 2023  27 Sept 2023  10 Apr 2024	September to November 2024	-
4	<u>Vaccines, therapeutics and anti-viral treatment across the UK.</u>	June 2023	To evaluate the development and rollout of vaccines across the UK, examine treatments for Covid-19, and focus on lessons for future pandemics. It will also investigate unequal vaccine uptake, address public concerns about vaccine safety, and review the UK Vaccine Damage Payment Scheme.	13 Sep 2023	January 2025	-
5	<u>Pandemic procurement across the UK.</u>	October 2023	To evaluate and make recommendations on the procurement and distribution of key healthcare equipment and supplies, including PPE, ventilators, oxygen, and COVID-19 tests, across the UK. It will assess the effectiveness and robustness of procurement processes and the adequacy and distribution of obtained items.	6 Feb 2024	March to April 2025	-

6	<u>The Care Sector across the UK.</u>	December 2023	To explore the pandemic's impact on adult social care across the UK, scrutinising government decisions and their effects on the sector, including hospital and residential home capacities. It will also assess measures taken to prevent the spread of Covid-19 and the sector's response capacity.	19 Mar 2024	June to July 2025	-
7	<u>Approach to testing, tracing and isolation.</u>	March 2024	To consider the approach to testing, tracking and isolation adopted during the pandemic, including the policies and strategies developed and deployed to support the system across the UK, the decisions made by key bodies, other options or technologies that were available and factors that may have influenced public compliance.	27 Jun 2024	May 2025	-
8	<u>Children and young people.</u>	May 2024	To investigate the impact of the pandemic on children across society, including those with special educational needs and/or disabilities. It will consider a diverse range of backgrounds, the impact of decision-making on children and young people and the long-term consequences of the pandemic.	TBC	Autumn 2025	-

9	<u>Economic Response to the pandemic</u>	July 2024	To focus on the economic response to the pandemic, specifically economic interventions by the UK and devolved administrations, covering support for businesses, jobs, the self-employed, vulnerable people, and those on benefits, as well as additional funding for public services and the voluntary and community sectors.	23 October 2024	Winter 2025	-
<b>Future Modules</b>						
10 The Inquiry expects to announce a further investigation later in the Autumn which will explore the impact of the pandemic in various ways, including on the <b>mental health and wellbeing</b> of the population						