

Senedd Cymru | Welsh Parliament

Pwyllgor Diben Arbennig Ymchwiliad COVID-19 Cymru | Wales COVID-19 Inquiry Special Purpose Committee

Adroddiad Modiwl 1 Ymchwiliad Covid-19 y DU | UK-Covid Inquiry Module 1 Report

Ymateb gan Public Health Wales | Evidence from Public Health Wales

1. Do the recommendations in the Module 1 report capture the priority actions needed to improve the resilience and preparedness of Wales as part of the UK.

Yes

2. Is there sufficient detail in the recommendations?

Yes

3. Are there any clear gaps requiring the Committee to take further evidence itself?

Partly

Please outline your reasons for your answer to this question.

(We would be grateful if you could keep your answer to around 500 words, however should it be required, an additional answer box of 500 words is available).

The recommendations made in Module 1 focus in particular at a government level.

PHW has fully supported the Inquiry and has submitted detailed witness evidence (which is available on the Inquiry website) for Module 1 and Module 2B

where learning and improvements have been detailed. Should the Committee consider the learning from events identified in this evidence represents a gap at any other level in the response system, it can of course draw upon this evidence and request assistance from PHW as required.

4. Your views on the resources that will be needed in order to deliver the recommendations, within the timeframes set out in the report.

(We would be grateful if you could keep your answer to around 500 words, however should it be required, an additional answer box of 500 words is available).

PHW is working with Welsh Government colleagues to support and implement the changes recommended.

5. Your views on how progress should be monitored and reported. The need for transparency and clear lines of accountability for delivery of the recommendations.

(We would be grateful if you could keep your answer to around 500 words, however should it be required, an additional answer box of 500 words is available).

The Core Participants are required to update the Inquiry on progress at the 6 month mark. Following this point in time, there is a system responsibility, led by Welsh Government, to ensure the necessary changes are incorporated into our response system.

6. Do you have any other points you wish to raise within the scope of this inquiry?

(We would be grateful if you could keep your answer to around 500 words, however should it be required, an additional answer box of 500 words is available).

PHW would ask the Committee to make good use of the evidence already submitted to the Inquiry and to be proportionate when seeking further input. The Inquiry is still ongoing with Module 4 of 10 about to commence. Staff remain engaged in response to the Inquiry, which is resource heavy.