

Timeline: THE COVID INQUIRY

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17th November 2020

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15th December 2021

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21st March 2022

Transcripts were made available from consultation meetings, which took place in March and April 2022 with representatives from various sectors including charities, unions, faith groups, education and healthcare. This was to enable such representatives to have an input on how the inquiry should be conducted.

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Module 1 :

Module 1 is now examining 'the **resilience and preparedness**' of the United Kingdom for a Coronavirus pandemic.

The application process to become a Core Participant for Module 1 has now closed. Module 1 held its first Preliminary Hearing on 4 October 2022 and will hold a further Preliminary Hearing on 14 February 2023. Oral evidence hearings are scheduled for Summer 2023.

Module 3 :

On 8th November 2022, the UK Covid-19 Inquiry opened its third investigation, known as Module 3. Module 3 is to consider the way in which the healthcare systems in the UK responded to the Covid-19 pandemic. It will assess the impact of the response on healthcare across the UK and what can be learned for the future. Module 3 will look at the impact on systems and services, including patients, doctors, nurses, and other staff.

The application process to become a Core Participant for Module 3 opened on 8th November 2022 and closed on 5th December 2022. Module 3 will hold its first Preliminary Hearing on 28 February 2023.

28 February 2023

Module 3 - Preliminary Hearing

21 March 2023

Module 2A Preliminary Hearing

May 2021

An initial and informal announcement was made by Boris Johnson. He said to MPs that an independent inquiry would take place

11th March 2022

Baroness Hallett wrote an open letter to the public detailing the plans to take the consultation forward. Baroness Hallett detailed how she hopes people throughout the UK will engage with the online consultation to understand the experiences of those most affected.

The Prime Minister published the draft Terms of Reference for the Inquiry, which has now been replaced by the Final Terms of Reference.

June 2022

The Inquiry Chair, Baroness Heather Hallett, appointed 49 junior Counsel to join its legal team for the Covid-19 Inquiry, they will support Hugo Keith QC, Lead Counsel to the Inquiry, Martin Smith, Solicitor to the Inquiry, and 11 QC's.

The Prime Minister confirmed the Terms of Reference for the UK Covid-19 Inquiry.

Boris Johnson accepted all of the proposals the Chair had made subject to a small number of clarificatory changes.

Module 2:

Module 2 will consider political and administrative decision-making of the UK and devolved governments. Particular focus will be placed on the early 2020 period. The decision making of PM and the Cabinet, as advised by advised by the Civil Service, senior political, scientific and medical advisers, and relevant Cabinet subcommittees will be examined.

The application process to become a Core Participant for Module 2, 2A, 2B and 2C has now closed. Module 2 held its first Preliminary Hearing on 31 October 2022 and will hold a further Preliminary Hearing on 1 March 2023. Oral evidence hearings are scheduled for Summer 2023. Modules 2A and 2B had their initial Preliminary Hearings on 1 November 2022 and 2C on 2 November 2022.

Further preliminary hearings are scheduled for 21 March (Module 2A), 29 March (Module 2B and Module 2C).

14 February 2023

Module 1 - Preliminary Hearing

1 March 2023

Module 2 Preliminary Hearing: This will cover core political and administrative decision-making; government structure; political

29 March 2023

Module 2B and Module 2C Preliminary Hearings