



Have your say on the UK Covid-19 Public Inquiry Easy Read



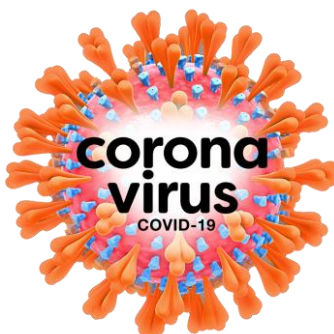
A **public inquiry** is an official review ordered by the government. It is guided by law.



This inquiry is looking at the UK's **preparedness** and response to the recent **Covid-19 pandemic**, to see what lessons can be learnt from what happened.



Preparedness means being ready for something that may happen.



Covid-19 is the illness caused by a new type of virus. It is called a **pandemic** because it is an illness that affected lots of people.



The inquiry will hold a public **consultation** to make sure everyone has the chance to give their views to the inquiry.



Consultation means asking people what they think.



The **Chair** of the inquiry is Baroness Heather Hallett. She is a senior Judge. The **Chair** is in charge of the inquiry.



The inquiry will look at the pandemic to find out -

- What happened and why it happened;
- What went wrong and what went right;
- What lessons we can learn to stop it happening again.



An inquiry can make people appear as **witnesses** at a public hearing and can ask for different types of **evidence**.



When you have seen something or something has happened to you and you are asked to talk about it at an inquiry, you are called a **witness**.



What you say or what information or documents you provide is called **evidence**.



There will be a consultation on the **draft Terms of Reference**, which will set out what the Inquiry covers.



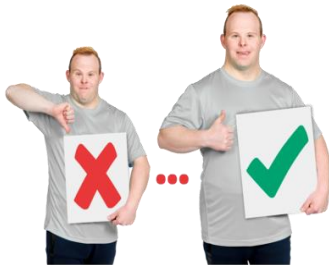
Terms of Reference is a document saying what the inquiry will do and how it will do it.



A **Draft** is the first version of a document. After consulting with everyone, the document may be added to or it may need more work.



We want to hear your views on what the inquiry should look into and how it should act.



Many people had difficulties during the pandemic. We want the Terms of Reference to make things better for people in the future.



We would like you to look at the draft Terms of Reference and tell us -



1. Do they cover all the areas you think the inquiry should look at?



2. Which issues should the inquiry look at first?



3. Do you think the Inquiry should agree to finishing the public hearings by a particular date?



4. Many people suffered during the pandemic. How do we make sure they are involved?



You can tell us your views on the draft Terms of Reference in two ways -



By email to

contact@covid19.public-inquiry.uk



By letter – Please send your views to

FREEPOST
UK Covid-19 Public Inquiry



If you are writing to the Freepost address, you will not need to use a stamp.



When consultation has ended, the Chair will look at all the responses made and will make recommendations to the Government. This will be done quickly.



The Chair will then be able to decide what the inquiry will do and what evidence is needed.



Thank you for your time.