

About the Scottish Covid-19 Inquiry



Hello, my name is Lady Poole. I am a judge and the **Chair** of the Scottish **Covid-19 Inquiry**. **Chair** means I am leading the work on the inquiry.



The **Covid-19 Inquiry** looks at what happened during the **pandemic**. **Pandemic** means lots of people have a disease that is spreading all over the world.



The inquiry will look at:

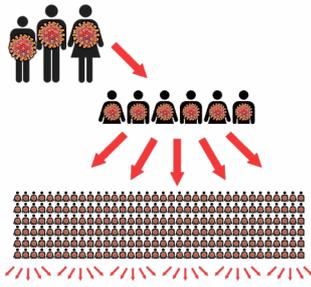
- what went well,
- what went wrong and
- what we should do if something like this happens again.



On 1 March 2020 we found out a person in Scotland had coronavirus.



On 11 March 2020 we were told that Covid-19 was spreading all over the world.



Since then, lots of people have had Covid-19. Around the world millions of people have died.



Dealing with the pandemic has been a challenge.



In Scotland, the pandemic changed the way we lived our lives. This has been very hard for people.



Covid-19 has been very difficult and very upsetting. I am sorry to hear about people who have suffered, and people whose family or friends have died.



The inquiry will help answer people's questions about the pandemic.



As chair of the Scottish Covid-19 inquiry I must look at what happened in Scotland during the pandemic. I must also report about what we can learn from what happened.



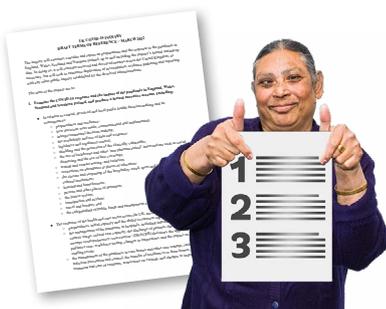
I have a team of people to help me with the inquiry.



We are an **independent** inquiry. This means we work for ourselves and not for anyone that is being looked at in the inquiry.



We will be fair and clear about the work we do.



We have been given **Terms of Reference** or **ToR**. These are instructions that tell us what the inquiry can look at.



The **Terms of Reference** tells us that we should look at 12 areas. These are things like health, education and other areas.



We will also look at whether people were treated fairly and equally.



For more information about the inquiry, go to:

www.covid19inquiry.scot