

Newsletter

Winter 2022-2023

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This newsletter will tell you what has been happening with the Scottish COVID-19 Inquiry up to now.



In this newsletter we will tell you about:

- The **Let's Be Heard** pilot
- How the Scottish and UK COVID-19 inquiries will work together
- How you can get involved
- Where we will work



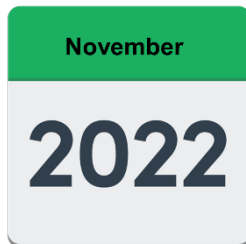
Let's Be Heard

This project is for people in Scotland.

They can tell us what the pandemic was like for them.



They can tell us what they think we should learn from that. This will help us be better prepared in future.



The pilot is being done in 2 stages.

The first stage started in November 2022.



The Inquiry met with some families of people who died from COVID-19. The Inquiry also met organisations who represent them.



We asked them what they thought about the project and how to make it easy for everyone to take part.

We are now ready to go to stage 2.



We will ask people affected by the pandemic to tell us the best ways of talking to them.

This information is very important to the Inquiry.



We want to thank people for their support.



Later in the Spring the project will be open to everyone.



Information from as many people as possible will help us when we write our reports.



How the Scottish and UK COVID-19 inquiries will work together.

The Scottish and UK inquiries have signed an agreement.



This agreement says how we will work together. This is so we do not do the same work as each other.



Sharing information and working together means better value for money.



The inquiries will meet and share information whenever they can.



How you can get involved.

Anyone who was in Scotland **between 1 January 2022 and 31 December 2022** can get involved with the inquiry.

The **Let's Be Heard** project will be the main way for most people to get involved.



This will give them a chance to:

- tell us what the pandemic was like for them
- tell us what lessons we should learn about how the pandemic was handled



Some groups and organisations will be **core participants**.

This means they will be allowed to have questions asked at public hearings.

They will be able to see some reports before we publish them.



Where we will work.



We are getting our new office ready at:
Waverley Gate
2-4 Waterloo Place
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The Get Involved page on our website has information on how to take part.

www.covid19inquiry.scot