



COVID-19 Public Inquiry – invitation to provide input

On 24 August, Scottish Ministers announced that a Scottish public inquiry will be established to consider matters in relation to Scotland’s handling of the COVID-19 pandemic under the Inquiries Act 2005.

An Aims and Principles paper has been published which forms the basis of stakeholder engagement on the Terms of Reference for the inquiry.

The Aims and Principles paper is available online here: <http://www.gov.scot/publications/covid-19-inquiry-establishment>.

To provide response to or comments on the Aims and Principles paper on behalf of your organisation, please send an email to COVID-19publicinquirysetupteam@gov.scot. Please note that this mailbox is not taking evidence on behalf of the inquiry, as it will be independent of Scottish Government, but taking views on what the inquiry should focus on, once it is set up.

You may wish to consider the following questions:

- Which areas of the handling of COVID-19 in Scotland do you think deserve particular scrutiny?
- Are there any shortcomings or successes that you would like to see given particular consideration?
- Are there areas in which you think Scotland would benefit particularly from drawing lessons learned?

The deadline for submitting responses and comments is 30 September 2021, but we welcome early submissions. After that point, we will analyse the input and use it to develop the Terms of Reference for the inquiry. Information you provide will not be carried forward to the inquiry itself.

A note on what we will do with the information that you give us: We will use all of the input we receive to help us in the set up of the Inquiry. Your input, including any personal details that form part of that input such as names and contacts details, will be kept on file by the COVID Inquiry Establishment Division for the duration of our work. You can find more information in our Privacy Notice www.gov.scot/publications/covid-19-inquiry

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