

Concise Minutes – Wales COVID–19 Inquiry Special Purpose Committee

Meeting Venue:

Committee Room 3 – Senedd

Meeting date: Monday, 14 October 2024

Meeting time: 14.02 – 15.04

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Hybrid

Attendance

Category	Names
Members of the Senedd:	Tom Giffard MS (Co–Chair) Mabon ap Gwynfor MS Rhianon Passmore MS Sam Rowlands MS Buffy Williams MS
Committee Staff:	Fay Bowen (Clerk) Leanne Hatcher (Second Clerk) Huw Williams (Legal Adviser) Masudah Ali (Legal Adviser) Philippa Watkins (Researcher)

1 Introduction, apologies, substitutions and declarations of interest

Co–Chair Tom Giffard MS welcomed Members and the public to the meeting.

Apologies were received from Joyce Watson MS, Co–Chair.



In accordance with Standing Order 17.22 and Temporary Standing Order 35.9, Buffy Williams MS was elected as Temporary Co-Chair, in place of Joyce Watson for the duration of the meeting.

2 Papers to note

The Committee noted the paper.

2.1 Letter from the Covid Committee Observation Group – UK Covid Inquiry's Module One report 'gaps'

3 Motion under Standing Order 17.42(ix) to resolve to exclude the public from the remainder of this meeting and the start of the next meeting on 4 November 2024

The motion was agreed.

4 Consideration of Module 1 Report and discussion on the Committee's approach to scrutiny and ways of working

The Committee considered its work plan and scrutiny of Module 1 and agreed:

- That its regular fortnightly Committee meeting slot would start at 2:00pm (with the flexibility to vary the start time, if required)
- As part of its scrutiny of Module 1, the Committee will undertake a public consultation, stakeholder engagement event and oral evidence sessions
- To meet with the members of the Covid Committee Observation Group
- To commission an expert panel to undertake a gap analysis which can be used as part of an evidence base to support the Committee's work in scrutinising the Module 1 report

The Committee also considered the legal briefings on the procedures of requiring witnesses to take Oaths and Affirmations. A further paper was requested to explore the practical implementations and consequences of asking of witnesses taking an Oath or Affirmation.