

Eluned Morgan MS
First Minister
Welsh Government

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Wales COVID-19 Inquiry Special Purpose Committee

Dear First Minister,

The Wales COVID-19 Inquiry Special Purpose Committee ("the Committee") is currently considering the UK Covid-19 Inquiry's Module 1 report on resilience and preparedness. As part of our work we have undertaken a public consultation, held a stakeholder engagement event, and commissioned academics from Nottingham Trent University to prepare a gap analysis of the Module 1 work.

We are in the process of using this evidence and the Welsh Government's response to the Module 1 report, to identify any potential gaps in the preparedness and response of the Welsh Government and other Welsh public bodies during the COVID-19 pandemic that should be subject to further examination.

At our meeting on 27 January 2025, we considered the Welsh Government's response in detail. We understand that the draft Wales Resilience Framework is being reviewed to take account of the Module 1 report recommendations and is due for publication in May 2025, along with the delivery plan. In order to assist our deliberations with identifying any potential gaps, please could you share a copy of the draft framework with the Committee in confidence.

The Committee would also be interested to understand why a planned statement to the Senedd on preparedness, as outlined in response to Recommendation 8, will not be delivered until Winter 2026.

We would be grateful to receive your response by the end of February.

Yours sincerely,

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Co-Chairs, Covid-19 Inquiry Special Purpose Committee

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We welcome correspondence in Welsh or English.

