

The Rt Hon Baroness Heather Hallett DBE

Inquiry Chair

UK Covid-19 Inquiry

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**Wales COVID-19 Inquiry Special Purpose Committee**

Dear Rt Hon Baroness Heather Hallett DBE

As you will be aware the Wales COVID-19 Inquiry Special Purpose Committee ("the Committee") has been set up by the Senedd to look at reports at each stage of the UK COVID-19 Inquiry and propose to the Senedd by motion, any gaps identified 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.

We are 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 that we believe require further consideration. Given our specific remit is to look at reports at each stage of the UK COVID-19 Inquiry, it would be helpful to our deliberations to know:

- are health inequalities and the impact of the pandemic on mental health addressed as overarching themes across all modules, or are they covered in specific modules?
- when will the results of your listening exercise be shared? Will they be published alongside every module, or only for certain ones?



If the inquiry is able to share a timetable for the publication of future module reports, if known, this would greatly assist the Committee in our planning and preparation work.

We would be grateful to hear from you by the end of February. The Committee would like to thank the Inquiry for its work and continued engagement with us.

Yours sincerely,

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We welcome correspondence in Welsh or English.

