

Nicolas Webb  
The Covid Committee Observation Group

21 October 2024

Dear Nicolas,

Wales COVID-19 Inquiry Special Purpose Committee – Covid Committee Observation Group  
Letter

Thank you for your letter of 19 September 2024, on behalf of the Covid Committee Observation Group, in relation to the UK Covid Inquiry's Module 1 report and the potential 'gaps' you have identified in the preparedness and response of the Welsh Government during the Covid-19 pandemic.

The Committee met on 14 October 2024, to discuss its approach to scrutiny of Module 1 and considered your letter as part of those discussions.

In terms of next steps the Committee agreed to undertake a full public consultation, hold a stakeholder engagement event, and will be commissioning academics from Nottingham Trent University to undertake a gap analysis of the Module 1 work. All of this work will be used to form an evidence base to support the Committee in identifying 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.

The Committee also agreed to meet with the members of the Covid Committee Observation Group further on the work of the Committee. The Committee Clerking team will contact you to arrange this meeting.

Finally, the Committee would like to express their gratitude to the Covid Committee Observation Group for their valued engagement with the Committee, and that Members look forward to receiving further input from the Group in future.

Yours Sincerely,

Jaye Watson Tom Gifford

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Tom Giffard

Co-Chairs, Covid-19 Inquiry Special Purpose Committee

Croesewir gohebiaeth yn Gymraeg neu Saesneg.

We welcome correspondence in Welsh or English.

