



Module 6 Report In Brief

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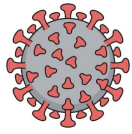


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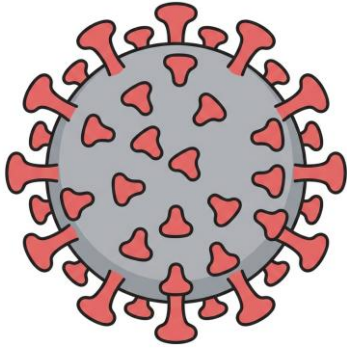
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About Covid-19



Covid-19 is a virus.

It appeared in the UK in 2020.

It spread very quickly.



It was a **pandemic**.

A **pandemic** is when many people get ill across the world from the same thing.

Many people died.



The 4 governments of the UK had to make big decisions to protect people.

About the UK Covid-19 Inquiry



The Inquiry looks at how the UK handled the Covid-19 pandemic.



It heard from many people to understand what happened.



It is split into parts called modules.

For each module, the Chair, Baroness Hallett, writes reports.



This Easy Read booklet is about her report on Module 6.

What Module 6 covers



Module 6 looks at adult social care during the pandemic.



It looks at care homes, home care and unpaid care across the UK.



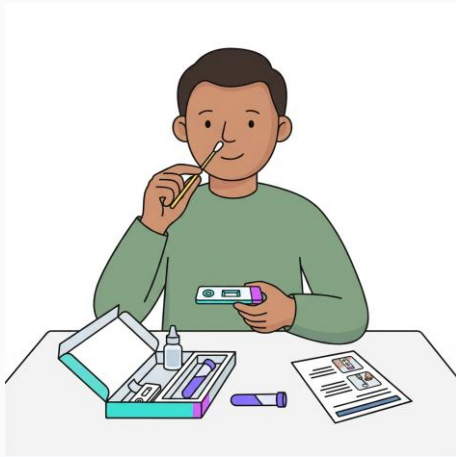
It looks at what governments did and how this affected care services.



It also looks at how care homes tried to stop the virus spreading.



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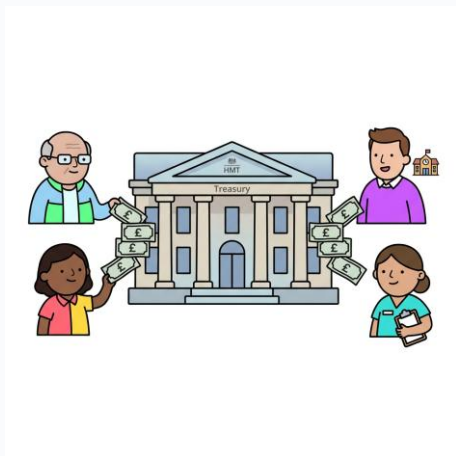
Module 7 – Test, Trace, and Isolate

This module covers the rules for testing for Covid-19.



Module 8 – Children and young people

This module covers how the pandemic affected children.



Module 9 – The economic response to the pandemic

This module covers how governments used money to help people and businesses.



Module 10 – The impact on society

This module covers how the pandemic changed people's lives.

The pandemic's impact on adult social care



The pandemic hit **adult social care** very hard.



Adult social care helps adults who need support to live safe and well.



Governments spent more time on hospitals and not on care homes.



More than 43,000 people in care homes died with Covid-19 by July 2022.



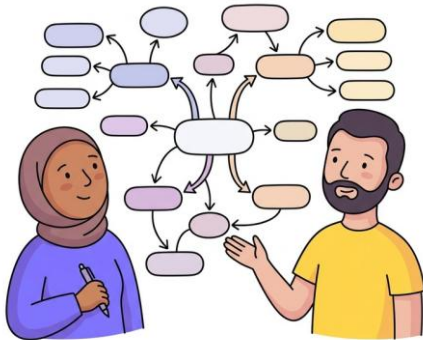
Covid-19 was the second biggest cause of death in care homes in 2020.

They were not protected in March to mid-April 2020.

Findings from the Inquiry



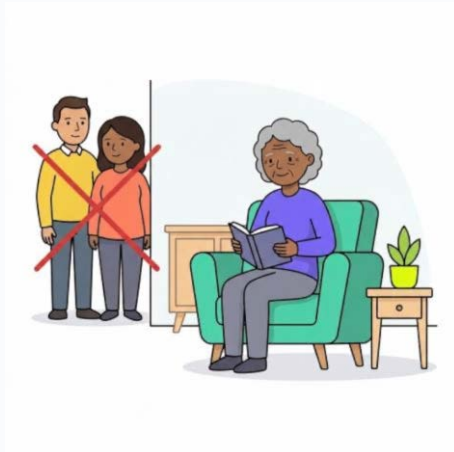
Adult social care has many parts.



This makes it hard to manage.



Many hospital patients went back to care homes without a Covid-19 test.



People coming back from the hospital should have been kept away from others.

But this was not in the official guidance.



Carers help people to wash, dress, and eat.

It was not easy for carers to stay apart from the people they cared for.



Care workers often had no or poor-quality **personal protective equipment (PPE)**.



PPE helps keep carers and workers safe.

PPE includes masks, aprons and gloves.



Visiting care homes was hard during the pandemic.

This harmed residents and their loved ones.



Incomplete data made it hard to track deaths in care homes.



More people died at home, sometimes without the support they needed.

Challenges for unpaid carers



There were 5.8 million unpaid carers in the UK during the pandemic.

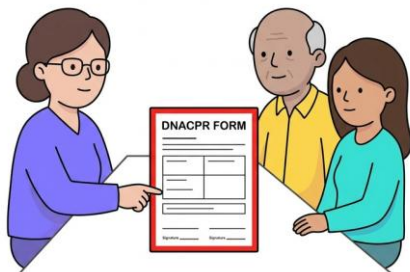


Support for unpaid carers came too late.

End-of-life care and DNACPR decisions



Doctors must make **DNACPR decisions** based on each person's needs.



A **DNACPR decision** means healthcare staff will not restart someone's heart if it stops.



Staff need better training about end-of-life care.

Staff did not always have this training.



Discussions about care plans were rushed or missed.

Recommendations from the Inquiry



The Inquiry recommends actions to protect adult social care in future.



These include:

- Better planning and rules for care homes, including about visiting.



- Money for care workers who need to stay home when they are unwell.



- End-of-life training for staff.



- A list of people working in adult social care.

How to access the full report



You can download the
Module 6 Report online.



The Report includes the full
list of recommendations.



The Inquiry will check
whether the government
follows its
recommendations.



Visit **the Covid-19 Inquiry website** to read the full Report.

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This list is in the same order as the words appear in the text.

Pandemic

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Adult Social Care

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Personal protective equipment (PPE)

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DNACPR decisions

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