



**Let's Be Heard**

**23 August 2023**

**Safer and Empowered Communities Forum**

# The Scottish COVID-19 Inquiry

## Aims

Establish facts

Learn lessons

## Scope

Terms of  
Reference

Scottish Matters

## Remit

Human Rights  
based approach

Unequal  
impacts

# The Scottish COVID-19 Inquiry is investigating:



# Let's Be Heard - Aims



# Timeline



- **Pilot**
  - Phase 1** – Nov/Dec 2022
  - Phase 2** – Feb/March 2023
- **National Engagement Activities:** 23 May 2023 – Autumn 2023
- **Focused Engagement Activities:** Winter 2023/24 onwards

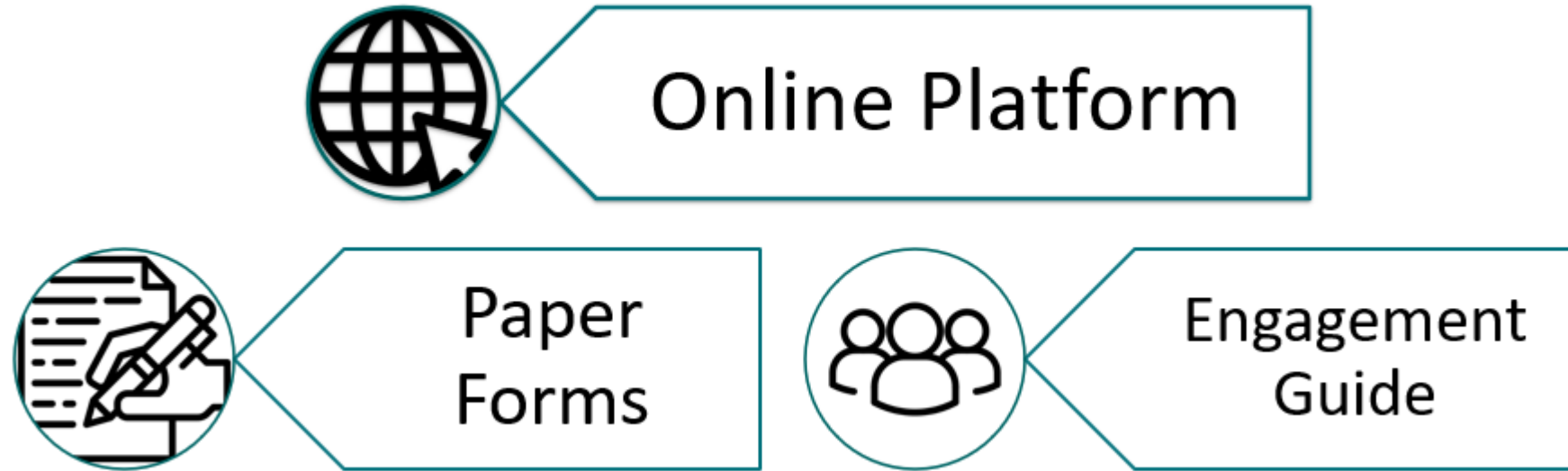
# Core Engagement Questions

1. What were your experiences during the COVID-19 pandemic?

2. What were the impacts of these experiences on you or the people you know?

3. What lessons do you think people could learn from your experiences?

# National Engagement Approach




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- Organisational outreach
  - Phone and email participation support
  - National public awareness campaign
  - Dissemination to community settings



# Let's Be Heard -Resources


Let's Be Heard | Sharing Scotland's COVID Experience | <https://lbh.covid19inquiry.scot>



**Share your experiences with us**

Here are our forms and guidance, including video with BSL translation


[Find out more](#)



**Share your experiences - Easy Read**

Our information and a form in Easy Read


[Find out more](#)



**Children and young people**


Our information and form for children and young people

[Find out more](#)




**Group discussions**

Resources for third sector, community groups and others to



**Share a report**

Here you can share existing reports about experiences of the




**Translations**

Our forms and guides translated into Urdu, Punjabi, Simplified

**Let's Be Heard: Sharing Scotland's COVID Experience**

Response Form



**About Let's Be Heard: Sharing Scotland's COVID Experience**

Let's Be Heard is the main way for people in Scotland to participate in the independent Scottish COVID-19 Inquiry by sharing their experience(s) of the pandemic. You can use this form to tell us about the events you experienced in Scotland during the first three years of the pandemic. You can also submit this form on behalf of someone else.

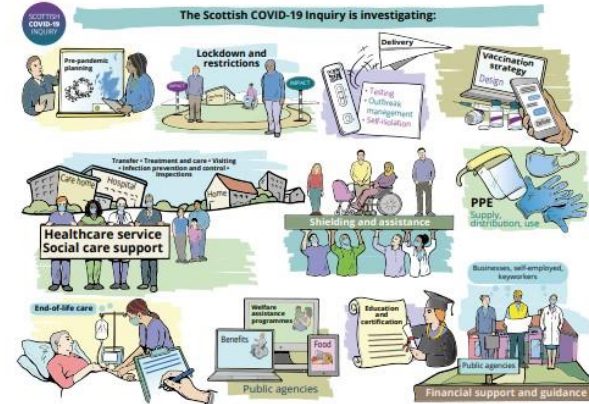
The information you share will help the Inquiry understand how you were affected, and any lessons Scotland needs to learn so we are better prepared for any future pandemic.

**About the Scottish COVID-19 Inquiry**

The Scottish COVID-19 Inquiry is investigating a range of issues relating to the COVID-19 pandemic that happened in Scotland between 1 January 2020 and 31 December 2022. The Inquiry has a broad remit that covers different topics, as set out in its Terms of Reference, which can be found at [covid19inquiry.scot/terms-reference](https://covid19inquiry.scot/terms-reference)

Information received through Let's Be Heard will help steer investigations, and inform the Inquiry's reports and recommendations.

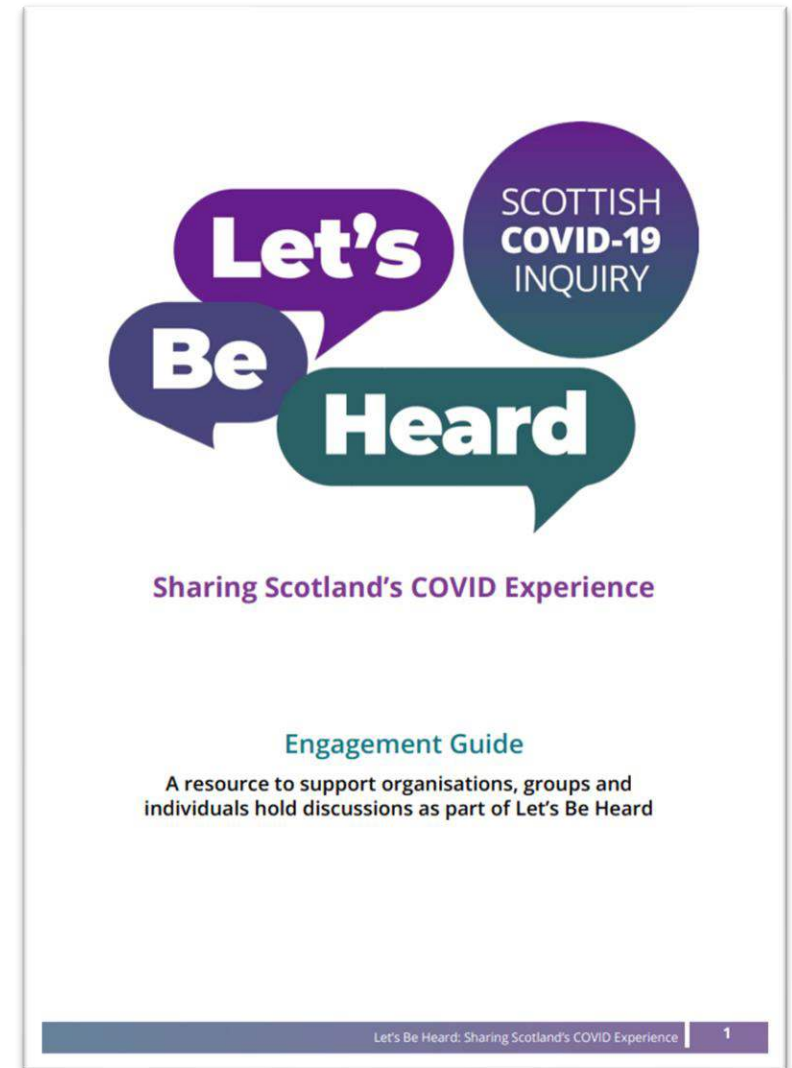
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# Engagement Guide

- Anyone can form a group
  - Guide aimed at people leading discussions and submitting responses
  - Provides information on how to host a discussion as part of Let's Be Heard and the support we can offer
- Additional resources available:
  - Let's Be Heard participant info sheet
  - Videos on Let's Be Heard and the questions we are asking
  - COVID-19 key developments diagram
  - Help and support services
  - Group discussion summary template
  - Individual equalities form



# Thank you

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**Online platform:**

**<https://lbh.covid19inquiry.scot>**