

Terms of Reference

PURPOSE

"To ensure that lessons are learned from the UK's Government's handling of the Coronavirus outbreak so that the UK's Government's preparedness and response may be improved in future."

SCOPE

To assess the impacts of the Government's Coronavirus strategy on the NHS and social care systems in England, NI, Scotland & Wales, on the health outcomes of the population and the distributional effects across the population from January to August 2020.

In Scope

Contact Tracing (including mobile app)

Exercise Cygnus

Impact on Care/ Nursing Homes

Impact on NHS

Impact on and prioritisation of protected characteristics/socioeconomic groups

Influenza Vaccination

Isolation / Social Distancing / Face Coverings

Lockdown (Implementation & Easing)

Overall Government Strategy

PPE Provision

Scientific and Health Advice

Testing

Medicine Availability

NOTE: Fields In Scope can be changed according to new information and emerging circumstances within the spirit of the above.

Local and national response coordination

METHODOLOGY

The APPG will use predominantly secondary data and strong evidence from literature e.g., from systematic reviews applying rapid review methodology. Primary data will be collected from expert witnesses and stakeholder groups providing written or oral evidence to the APPG.

PROCEDURES

The APPG will meet fortnightly at 11am on Wednesdays, on dates:

- 0 22/07/2020
- 05/08/2020
- 0 19/08/2020
- 0 02/09/2020
- 0 16/09/2020
- 0 30/09/2020
- Other meetings of the APPG (or members of) with interested parties on an ad-hoc basis
- Maintenance of a full repository of submissions and resources, by the APPG secretariat, the March for Change campaign group