

The Rt Hon. Baroness Hallett DBE
Chair, UK Covid-19 Inquiry

6 April 2022

Dear Baroness Hallett,

We are writing to call on you to commit to making the rapid rise in deaths in private homes during the pandemic an area of focus within the terms of reference for the COVID-19 Public Inquiry.

There have been over 100,000 excess deaths at home across the UK since the beginning of the pandemic. However, very little is known about whether these were 'good deaths' and the stories of the people who died at home, their loved ones and the frontline workers who cared for them have gone unheard.

It is estimated that almost 67,000 people have died at home without the right end of life care since the beginning of the pandemic and anecdotal evidence indicates that the health and care system is not equipped for this increased need in the community.

It is vital that the COVID-19 Public Inquiry investigates the significant increase in deaths in private homes to uncover what has happened behind closed doors and ensure health and care systems can better support people in the future. We call on you to include this as an area of focus within the terms of reference.

Yours sincerely,

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