# COVID-19 lessons published in parliamentary report

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Examples of good practice and mistakes were both found when examining the UK's response to the pandemic

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A report into the UK's initial response to the COVID-19 pandemic has been released by the House of Commons Science and Technology Committee and Health and Social Care Committee.

The Coronavirus: lessons learned to date report contains 38 recommendations to the government and public bodies. It draws on evidence from more than 50 witnesses and 400 written submissions.

#### The report found that:

- delays in creating an adequate test, trace and isolate system interfered with efforts to understand and contain the outbreak
- the vaccine development and deployment was effective and should guide future government practice
- the decision to delay lockdown should have been challenged
- social care was not given enough priority in the early stages of the pandemic
- health inequalities need to be tackled with an urgent and long-term strategy
- the UK didn't manage the COVID-19 outbreak as well as many other countries

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