

No ICU cases (i.e V beds), % increase day on day
The last doubling time (i.e take today's number, how many days for it to double to here)
Average of last 2 doubling times
What this number will be in 10/20 days if this rate continues

Number of V beds free today for C19 patients.

Number of V beds forecast to be free in 10 and 20 days for C19 patients -- given both the increased demand and increased (hopefully) supply.

No deaths -- number reporting seems a shitshow, different times every day. WTF use is a number for 9am that's then updated retrospectively etc.

There should be a number calculated in a sensible way and done at same time every day and is intuitively sensible. This shouldn't be too much to ask of NHS.

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I'm truly amazed that even after weeks this most basic stuff is so hard for us to get our hands on...

Am I being unreasonable?

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Shinner reply, 26/3

You are not being unreasonable. It is a mess; it should be possible to fix all this. You'll see some of it tomorrow.

Part of the problem is deliberate obfuscation by those in the room and the boss letting MH et al get away with throwing him a random graph with subtly different numbers none of us have seen. Part of the problem is similar sounding things that are different - often explained by different time periods (eg deaths reported are often lagged three days...) or aggregated to be England only / UK wide inconsistently.

We're clamping down on this tomorrow morn; have agreed with Martin and Stuart:

- From tomorrow we will only use the digital dash so we have total control over definitions and presentation; no random updates thrown into the room - will need your help to police this; if boss keeps accepting charts presented on spot without pre-scrutiny, we can't help him

- Then if we don't like the presentation or definitions we can change them structurally, once, and have that apply every day

- We will pre-brief PM for 5 mins before coming into the room to tell him what we're looking at, why it's interesting and what he should ask. This is a must so he's not just winging it.

- Tomorrow I will outline this new regime at the meeting; would be great if you can prime boss to agree with me strongly and if you emphasise that data must flow through the single data room.