

SPI-M-O Meeting

Wednesday 17th February 2021, 10:30-13:30

Forward Look

1. Rob Harrison provided feedback on how SPI-M modelling had been used recently within government to inform decision making. He thanked the committee for their ongoing hard work.

R/Growth rate/Incidence

2. The committee discussed and agreed a consensus view on their latest estimates of national and regional R, growth rates and incidence.
3. The committee highlighted that the epidemic appears to be shrinking more slowly in some local authorities compared to others.

Medium term projections

4. The committee discussed and agreed the national and regional medium-term projections for deaths, hospitalisations, and total bed occupancy.
5. The committee compared retrospective estimates of R produced using the latest data and compared these to the consensus estimates produced at the time. The committee agreed that the consensus estimates are lagged by a minimum of 2-3 weeks.

Easing restrictions

6. The committee was updated on further modelling work on easing restrictions from the University of Warwick and Imperial College London.
7. The key findings of this work can be found in the 'Summary of further modelling of easing restrictions' document.

Long COVID

8. The committee discussed whether and how to incorporate Long COVID into future modelling.

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9. Committee members were made aware of an upcoming meeting with NHS Test & Trace and were asked to contact the secretariat if they were interested in attending.

Papers sent up to SAGE

- SPI-M-O consensus statement ("*210217 DRAFT SPI-M-O Consensus Statement to SAGE.pdf*")
- SPI-M-O medium term projections ("*210217 SPI-M-O_MediumTermProjections_SAGE.pdf*")
- Warwick reopening paper ("*New_Scenario_Commission_15_02_21_Warwick.pdf*")
- Imperial reopening paper ("*2021_02_17_SPI-M_vaccination_ask_Imperial_College_warwick_dates_v2.pdf*")
- SPI-M-O summary of modelling reopening ("*210217 SPI-M-O summary of modelling on roadmap scenarios DRAFT TO SAGE.pdf*")