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Apocalyptic forecast of 4,000 coronavirus deaths a day could be FIVE TIMES too high and had already been proved wrong when government revealed it at weekend

- Sir Patrick Vallance presented worst-case scenario in Saturday's briefing when lockdown was confirmed
- But it has emerged it was based on forecasts made weeks ago and since updated to give lower estimates
- Oxford's Carl Heneghan said he was 'concerned' at officials' choice to use old data which could be misleading
- Tory MPs accused SAGE, of which Vallance is chair, of 'cherry-picking' figures and not giving full picture
- England will be thrust into a second lockdown from Thursday, pending a vote in Parliament on Wednesday

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The claim that 4,000 people could be dying from coronavirus by next month could be four or five times too high and not reflect the current situation, experts warn.

The shocking figure was presented by chief scientific adviser Sir Patrick Vallance in Saturday's TV briefing where Boris Johnson announced the UK's second lockdown.

But there are concerns that it's out of date and inaccurate, with SAGE accused of 'misleading' the public and MPs by cherry-picking the scariest data.



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