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This is what I think we need to understand; but social scientists should have a much better sense of what are lead and lag indicators of social health. I would turn the dashboard into the whole of the country first and then COVID second. c.f. this isn't a health crisis it's a national emergency.

- incidents of domestic abuse
- calls to samaritans & mental health services
- suicides
- use of foodbanks
- calls to citizens advice
- bankruptcy orders
- public disorder
- absence rates in key workers
- confidence (what are people spending money on home improvements or booze!)

[we need much better understanding of why people are complying with social distancing - my guess is they are doing it because they think it is right rather than because the government has told them - I don't think the on/off version works in this sort of mindset unless you are genuinely turning the country into zones and locking them down - in which case that is very complex economically - until we level up!]

Health (non-COVID indicators)

- no of operations cancelled
- no of cancer screenings cancelled (and impact)
- infant mortality rate & maternal mortality in childbirth
- mortality rate from "normal" diseases

