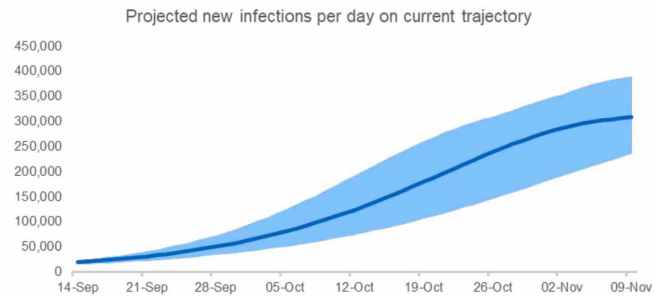


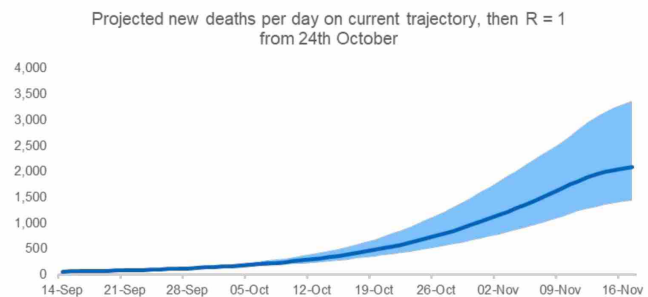
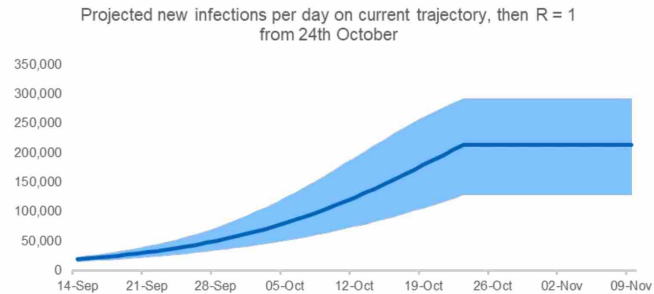
HYPOTHETICAL THOUGHT-EXPERIMENT NOT GOVERNMENT POLICY

A: Mid-October: if we do not act to push R to 1 now, and the doubling time continues to shorten (SPI-M)

THE FUTURE WITHOUT ACTION



THE FUTURE IF WE ACT



THE ACTION: SUBMISSION TO PM ON 14 OCTOBER

FOR DECISION

COVID: URGENT ACTION

1. Urgent action is needed to bend the curve. We are already expecting to exceed the April peak of infections, hospitalisations and deaths. This advice seeks your agreement to:
 - a. The closure of hospitality, initially for three weeks, but subject to review;
 - b. The closure of leisure venues, with expectation that this lasts until January;
 - c. Strong encouragement to the public to stay at home, save for travelling for work;
 - d. Closing schools and universities to be sure of getting R below 1

THE CONTEXT

- Growth in symptomatic cases and panic demand leads test and trace to collapse
- Without action, NHS two weeks from being overwhelmed - and non-COVID health cut back massively to maintain ICU capacity
- Despite best efforts, level of prevalence means rampant outbreaks in care homes, hospitals, schools, unis
- Fears that economic clampdown will be much greater than it would have been if action had been taken in September
- Nicola Sturgeon has locked down Scotland earlier - and is now seeing results.
- Sadiq Khan has called for a London lockdown; Government is following not leading
- Keir Starmer and Jeremy Hunt both ask: "did we learn nothing from last time?"