

Short Message Report

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- # Simon Case { I&S }@s.whatsapp.net> 31/12/2021, 9:48 AM
Is there any confidence amongst your Scottish and Welsh counterparts that their "tougher" approach is working or will work? I find myself wondering whether nudges through guidance will work - we know that last year, albeit in different circumstances, things done through guidance rather than law led to confusion.
- # Chris Whitty { I&S }@s.whatsapp.net> 31/12/2021, 9:50 AM
I don't think there is strong confidence on anything. I am sure their approach will lead to lower levels than if they did not have it (having celebrated Hogmanay in Scotland many times). Whether that is material is much less easy to be sure, and they would not want to over claim on it.
- # Simon Case { I&S }@s.whatsapp.net> 31/12/2021, 9:52 AM
It feels to me that we need to help PM properly judge today what "enough" might be, in terms of measures. If he does conclude we need to do more, and have that battle with Cabinet, his party and the right-wing media, we ought to be reasonably sure that what he fights for will work! There won't be many bites at this cherry over coming weeks...
- U Unknown 31/12/2021, 10:06 AM
I think as much as anything this is about reaffirming a sense of national caution and supporting that with appropriate measures. The "it is all over and the NHS is fine" message from people like Chris Hopson today will not help
- # Simon Case { I&S }@s.whatsapp.net> 31/12/2021, 10:08 AM
The Hopson thing is particularly odd
- U Unknown 31/12/2021, 10:09 AM
And completely at odds with what he was saying yesterday