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**Subject:** Re: Publically available dashboard. [OFFICIAL]

Katharine

I agree about the slides that are presented publicly. Some of them just not the right ones. I would just make the dashboard available. People would like to look at it, see trends, pick the areas they are interested in. They would also see how much data government actually sees. Apart from one or two of them they are all fit for release aren't they?

Patrick

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**From:** Katharine Hammond <katharine.hammond@cabinetoffice.gov.uk>  
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Thanks Patrick - that is helpful. I think it's something that we should ask the public data team (staffed with excellent people from ONS) to consider as a concept. We can then work with them to supply data as needed (as we do now for the slides).

Just as an aside, we are trying quite hard to keep the two functions separate (but linked) because it seriously dilutes focus on the data needed for decision making to inject the public presentation element - for example, some of the datasets being presented publicly we no longer think are useful in making decisions. That's fine - it's a different test to apply - but we are trying to preserve the ability to keep servicing that need.

Katharine

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On Tue, 12 May 2020 at 14:32, Vallance, Patrick (GO-Science) <[P.Vallance1@go-science.gov.uk](mailto:P.Vallance1@go-science.gov.uk)> wrote:

Katharine

I mentioned to **NR** yesterday that I think the dashboard is really incredibly good and why wouldn't we make more of the graphs public. They show what a broad grip on the data government has and would be helpful for people to understand the epidemic (Iceland has a variant of this). Then last evening at the press conference one question was on why we don't show data for recovery stats and we all replied that we thought we should. So that is the genesis of it, and I think this could be a great resource for public engagement, confidence and transparency

Happy to discuss if easier

Patrick

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Hi Patrick

Could you give us any intel on what's behind this from where you sit?

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Alastair, Katherine,

Patrick Vallance messaged Tom this morning regarding making some of the CCS dashboard available publically.

I understand that you've already engaged with No10 on this but I'd like to reinvigorate the discussions given the renewed focus from PV, the consistent request for more user friendly data sharing from the public and the inferiority of what we're currently offering in comparison to other countries. I think we can all agree that the current public dashboard and the method for producing it isn't up to standard right now.

I understand that there may be resource constraints, in which case we should look in to embedding one or two analysts to lead the work perhaps? Then I think the next step is to work out what we want to share, in line with No10 Comms team, taking into account negotiations that will be required to make some data publically available, and devising process that ensures sensitive data is not shared.

Would be good to hear your thoughts and what will be possible, by when.

**NR**

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**Subject:** making dashboard public

Tom

The daily dashboard data are really interesting and useful. Shouldn't we make these public? It would really show where we are and give confidence in what is being tracked. Any reason why that couldn't happen?

Patrick

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