

04/11/2021, 18:39 - Nicola Steedman: Thanks David.

04/11/2021, 18:56 - Gregor Smith: 👍

06/11/2021, 09:34 - David Goldberg: Hi Gregor/Nicola  
3249 today -- an overall increase mainly due to an increase in reporting of specimens with a date greater than 48 hours (14%).  
54 % of cases under 40 -- ie an increase here with the principal focus in young children.  
7 day has increased slightly to 2755. All hospital indicators moving in the right direction, including ICU down to 84 on SICSAG  
Nothing of notable concern on COP

06/11/2021, 09:40 - Gregor Smith: Thanks David

07/11/2021, 10:06 - David Goldberg: 2908 today  
Only 4% greater than 48 hours  
Otherwise much the same as yesterday.  
Age specific incidence continues to show main increase in 5-11 year olds.  
Again no areas of notable concern 're COP  
Have a restful Sunday if you can!

07/11/2021, 10:08 - Nicola Steedman: 😊

07/11/2021, 10:21 - Gregor Smith: Sounds like the Halloween parties coming home to roost...

07/11/2021, 10:22 - Gregor Smith: Thanks David - hopefully everyone will get a wee bit of time today.  
Cabinet been brought forward to tomorrow.

07/11/2021, 11:40 - David Goldberg: 🎃

08/11/2021, 18:01 - Gregor Smith: Is there contingency in your rotas for cop over-running? Worth considering in case it does.

08/11/2021, 18:06 - David Goldberg: Thanks Gregor and yes certainly from a PHS perspective. We discussed this today and will do what is required.

10/11/2021, 09:29 - Gregor Smith: Can you dig into the numbers as much as possible today for me? Age group and geographical spread? Any trends that we're seeing or contribution from delay. It's a big jump.

10/11/2021, 09:41 - Jim McMenamin: **NR** already working on it after my call to her this morning

10/11/2021, 09:42 - Jim McMenamin: I understand that the data compilation tables will run after 10.30

10/11/2021, 09:53 - Gregor Smith: Thanks Jim

10/11/2021, 10:18 - Jim McMenamin: First email on this with you now Gregor

10/11/2021, 10:48 - Gregor Smith: It's great - younger ages with a close eye on shallow rise in 40-49.

10/11/2021, 10:52 - Jim McMenamin: Yes. Will copy in all to email once Outlook is working (keeps hanging 😞)

10/11/2021, 10:57 - Nicola Steedman: 👍

11/11/2021, 23:30 - Gregor Smith: <Media omitted>

12/11/2021, 08:03 - David Goldberg: Latest ONS data for last week are more encouraging for the UK!

12/11/2021, 08:15 - Nicola Steedman: 🙌

12/11/2021, 08:43 - Gregor Smith: Gloomy conversation on CMOs with JBC...

13/11/2021, 11:43 - Gregor Smith: I wonder if ahead of what might be a really difficult cabinet on Tuesday, a small group of us should get together on Monday to agree a consensus on what current picture is telling us and where it's likely to go. We'd need a good understanding of trends across age groups, vaccinated and unvaccinated, hospitalisations and any geographical variation. I think most of this already exists but it would be good to collate it and agree what it's telling us within PH community. What do you think? I'm meeting with cab sec and DFM tomorrow and it's clear Europe is on their mind now too (partly my fault!)

13/11/2021, 12:33 - Nick Phin: Happy to join any discussion. It would be good to be clear about what the cabinet want to achieve and where the difficulties are in order to try to help address them.

13/11/2021, 12:52 - Jim McMenamin: Happy to meet too. The morning run of data would be usually completed by around 11.

13/11/2021, 13:02 - David Goldberg: Also happy to join thanks

13/11/2021, 13:14 - Gregor Smith: Thanks folks. I'll tee something up for the afternoon - is there a particular time to avoid for anyone?

13/11/2021, 13:15 - Jim McMenamin: Nothing for me that can't be moved

13/11/2021, 13:16 - Gregor Smith: Cabinet will struggle with the dilemma of whether strengthening of baseline restrictions is necessary or not, and if so what will produce greatest epidemiological benefit for



27/12/2021, 10:31 - Gregor Smith: Thanks folks. Nick - any insights or intelligence you're getting will be invaluable over next couple days. cabinet early on Wednesday so getting a real sense of true picture will be helpful.

27/12/2021, 10:32 - Nick Phin: Will do.

27/12/2021, 10:33 - Nicola Steedman: How are England faring Gregor? I've not seen much from them...

27/12/2021, 10:43 - Gregor Smith: No idea Nicola. Haven't heard anything since last published data.

28/12/2021, 09:33 - Gregor Smith: So 9360 cases and >30% positivity. Do we have a sense of how much is stuck in the system and delayed by processing?

28/12/2021, 09:37 - Nick Phin: 80% of tests now processed within two days and a median reporting time of 22 hours. So lab testing considerably better.

28/12/2021, 09:39 - Gregor Smith: Sounds much better - that's quite an improvement

28/12/2021, 09:41 - Nicola Steedman: That's impressive given the numbers.

28/12/2021, 09:53 - Nicola Steedman: Nick, all- we have the usual CMO/DCMO/PHS catch up meeting in the calendar today- just checking whether you want to go ahead with it or cancel it? I think both David and Jim are deservedly off. Gregor and I are both around as you've gathered and happy either way.

28/12/2021, 13:01 - Nicola Steedman: Nick, have noted that you had declined the usual PHS catch up for today anyway so will presume it's basically cancelled unless anyone shouts out.

28/12/2021, 15:28 - Nick Phin: Sorry about this Nicola just read your message. It looks like my secretary had assumed it was cancelled as it was a bank holiday and had taken it out of my diary. I am an infrequent user of What's App so a quick call is probably the best way of getting hold of me urgently. Nick

28/12/2021, 17:04 - Gregor Smith: If we've any update on the work to try to distinguish positive cases in hospital because of Covid, rather than with Covid, now would be a great time to get it... it's a major weakness in our decision making just now and I sense the frustration is building ahead of cabinet tomorrow.

28/12/2021, 17:59 - Nick Phin: I have just dropped you an e-mail with the current situation and a table that may be helpful. Nick

28/12/2021, 18:24 - Gregor Smith: Thanks Nick - I'll take a look

02/01/2022, 13:08 - Gregor Smith: Happy New year everyone. I think it's David on this weekend? How are things?

02/01/2022, 13:36 - Jim McMenamin: Happy New Year everyone! It's me on this weekend and Mon Tues too Gregor. Bea has provided initial feedback on template reporting of new hospital GGC cases from yesterday in prep for clinical review - this may allow an upper ceiling re "hospitalised for" for sharing with you to inform the Cabinet discussion on Wednesday. Any figure would likely be rounded down following clinical review. Happy to chat on a one to one but taking calls re on-call role so maybe after 2 would be best

02/01/2022, 13:45 - Gregor Smith: There's no rush today Jim. If you want to pick up tomorrow then that's fine. We can fit around other workload.

03/01/2022, 10:56 - Jim McMenamin: Case numbers make for horrible reading...20217 today and 14042 and 17027 on preceding days (small adjustments the following day after each huddle report from each day) with positivity of 34.9%, 31.0% and 27.1% respectively from 65k, 52k and 78k tests respectively. RAPID data to 30th shows newly hospitalised cases increasing quickly but from now there will likely be data lag till Thursday as catch-up occurs by boards. Of note is the increasing proportion in over 80s - now 19%

03/01/2022, 10:59 - Gregor Smith: That's quite a shift into over-80s. There's a gold command meeting been called for tomorrow - most likely late morning. So any useful analysis or data that you can ping across would be really helpful. The over 80s proportion immediate makes me nervous about care homes.

03/01/2022, 11:00 - Nicola Steedman: 4th booster here we come.... 😊

03/01/2022, 11:01 - Jim McMenamin: I should have said we need to be careful - hosp ward outbreaks make this diff to interpret

03/01/2022, 11:01 - Nicola Steedman: Interpretation as ever key- thanks Jim !

03/01/2022, 11:04 - Gregor Smith: So when you say RAPID data shows newly hospitalised cases increasing quickly - would a patient in hospital who tests positive and is a probable HAI show up in that data?

03/01/2022, 11:05 - Jim McMenamin: Yes that's my understanding (and more importantly Kim's too 😊👍)

05/01/2022, 08:20 - Gregor Smith: Anything of note for cabinet this morning?