



Prof. Devi Sridhar

16 May 2020

Many thanks for your input to our Advisory Group - your advice is much appreciated...as is your very clear and, rightly, challenging media contributions. It's been good to talk to you and colleagues, via Zoom - hopefully we'll get the chance to meet in person sometime!

11:08

I'd be delighted- my mobile is **Irrelevant & Sensitive** if you ever want to discuss anything incl. confidentially. I'm here to help and support you as much as I can- would rather be supportive and helping Scottish govt than standing outside and throwing stones. I am in close touch with colleagues across the world



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11:32

Thank you - that's much appreciated.

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PS in a few recent articles my words have been twisted. Frustrating. Hard with journalists sometimes.

18:48

Don't worry - I fully understand how the media can twist words, sometimes deliberately. I think what you say is very powerful and clear though - and has had a big influence on my thinking.

19:11

30 May 2020

Thanks for your leadership. Just to note that small room to manoeuvre- estimated



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30 May 2020

Thanks for your leadership. Just to note that small room to manoeuvre- estimated 1000 to 2500 daily new cases. Sobering to see those figures after many weeks of lockdown. And while outdoor activities generally safe, feels like public sees this as lockdown lifted & all that comes with outdoor activities (transport, food, toilets) can increase transmission. Fragile situation ahead...

14:57

Yes I agree and feel v anxious about it. We will continue to be v tough in our messaging and won't be going any further than this for now. I've been worried for last couple



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be v tough in our messaging and won't be going any further than this for now. I've been worried for last couple of weeks that public already ahead of us on outdoor activity and so formally allowing some of it at least enables us to try to put some 'rules' around it on transport, distancing etc that many will follow. But, yes, fragile. Many thanks for your continued advice.

15:17

Yes I can understand that. As much as Scotland can chart its own course & develop its own testing, tracing, local data systems & public health response, the better. England is going a dangerous path on Monday with even its science advisors speaking out now.



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advisors speaking out now.

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4 June 2020

I hope all is well. I've done a note for CMO (we're discussing in our Scottish group) on key steps to managing outbreak in Scotland looking forward. Happy to share a draft with you as well but don't want to overstep or break protocol.

08:51

That would be very helpful. (Don't worry about protocol - tackling the virus more important than that - and I'll handle any issues on that front). You can send it to me privately at Irrelevant & Sensitive@snp.org and/or officially at



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7 June 2020

Agree with your relief to see the numbers (even if a blip bc of the weekend reporting issues). Hospital admissions coming down which is good too. Confirmed cases might increase because of more testing happening (which is a positive thing- better to catch & report them)- but downward trend in admissions will remain hopefully. If robust monitoring can be put in place during summer to quickly catch clusters in teachers/staff, then when schools go back, hopefully pupil attendance will remain (as parents feel it's safer), less resistance from teachers, more days in class, & distancing can be slowly eased in the classroom so kids can actually play



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15:25

Yes it is a relief - but long way to go and lots to do. Using the summer to get everything we need in place and working properly is vital!

17:39

Real testament to your exceptional leadership- thank you. 🙏👏

18:24

17 June 2020



My tweets meant to support



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17 June 2020

My tweets meant to support your position on schools and also to encourage public to comply with govt guidance as they ease (not to think lockdown is over). Everyone wins if numbers continue to fall...

07:45

Tweets were helpful (I've just tweeted on back of them). That's where I want us to get to - so opening up this thinking is good. Thanks

07:50

Many thanks for your tweets! This is a difficult phase with public frustration growing and fear of virus easing. We will confirm more lifting of measures tomorrow in line



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Many thanks for your tweets! This is a difficult phase with public frustration growing and fear of virus easing. We will confirm more lifting of measures tomorrow in line with routemap - which brings risks that we will have to track carefully. But we will resist growing calls to go further, faster and continue to be clear about suppression objective. Your advice/ support much appreciated.

09:27

Yes- agree fully. I will continue to push the same message. Public needs to know that short-term pain is for long-term gain, and that worst case would be an increase in infections having to trigger a second lockdown. I am just working on a short note summarizing school re-



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Thanks

09:54

Sorry you're having to put up with such nonsense from some quarters today. They are obviously only trying to get at me - but I'm sorry they're trying to use you to do it



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11:57

No worries, the important
objective is to keep progress
up and into a better and
better position. I care about
kids back in school and
people being healthy, not
twitter trolls!

12:06

18 June 2020

Working with a couple other
senior public health experts
in Scotland on an exciting &
feasible plan for elimination in
July. Will forward on as soon
as it's ready.

20:19



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as it's ready.

20:19

Will be very keen to see that...thanks

20:26

29 June 2020

Sorry if I created any trouble with my interviews this weekend. Tried to convey complexity of situation but guess that doesn't make good headlines. Nice to talk to you last week and looking forward to briefing later today.

13:59

Not at all - it's actually helpful as it allows me to talk about an issue that would be even more loaded had I raised it first. Good to talk to you too -



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14:02

11 July 2020

NYTimes home page today:
[nytimes.com/2020/07/10/
wor...](https://www.nytimes.com/2020/07/10/wor...)

10:38

Was just reading it - v good. Had a bit of a nervous day yesterday after a spike in cases (up from 6 on thurs to 18 yesterday) but back down to 7 today...so hopefully just some inevitable fluctuation



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10:44

Yes- and that's the issue with having an open land border. Constant stream of incoming infections. Then 'Test and Protect' needs to work hard to maintain the situation and it's volatile. Looking at U.S., my sense is that most parts of the economy can re-open safely except for pubs/bars- these are the highest risk settings. So they require the most mitigation measures and attention. I'm relaxed about outdoor hospitality, even indoor shops with masks seem fine as people don't spend a long period together with no face covering. Pubs/bars are where people sit for a long



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no mask. I was going to write a 'Dear Boris' letter for my next Guardian column on how England needs to cooperate with the other 3 nations- but think it will set off a whole load of distraction/trolling, instead of keeping focus on public health objectives. Thank you for your exceptional leadership- the world is watching and supporting you.

10:48

Thank you! Your advice has been invaluable

10:55

Here to help & support as much as I can to find a good path through this challenging crisis. Need to protect people's lives and livelihoods.



11:57



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14 July 2020

Numbers looking good so far even though measures eased. Biggest challenge will be pubs & restaurants esp as tourism gets underway.

13:27

Yes, v good but big challenges ahead...would be easier if we were able to just ignore economic harms entirely, but we can't...so next few weeks will be anxious.

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14:19

Thanks- wonderful afternoon at North Berwick- feels just like Miami but just 20 degrees





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escape COVID for a few hours!

14:19

Thanks- wonderful afternoon at North Berwick- feels just like Miami but just 20 degrees colder!

14:36

16 July 2020

Congratulations on your 10th anniversary!

16:49

Thank you!

16:53

19 July 2020

Happy 50th!!! Enjoy the day



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10:06

Thank you!

10:07

Cases increasing --> key question is whether these are 'imported' from tourism- or from existing community transmission. I'm afraid with tourism starting nothing to stop continuous stream of infections into Scotland- then mixing with locals in pubs/ bars and setting off chains. NZ finding 12/day at their border. No easy answers given economic issues of tourism/hospitality.

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20 July 2020

The teams are doing good work with test and protect. Relieved not to see cases spiralling higher today! Looking into Israel and how they went from a handful of cases/day to thousands b/c of opening up too quickly.

14:12

Fingers crossed. Would be interested to hear anything you learn from Israel



18:14



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21 July 2020

I've done a note on schools for the education group on Israel if of interest. Basically they opened too fast. Declared victory at 10 new cases and opened up everything and people celebrated. Scotland going cautiously so far. Impressed with testing and tracing capacity locally.

18:31

I'd be v interested to see that.
Thanks

18:37

24 July 2020

Hope it was useful. Biggest 'threat' to progress looming is 50K international students



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Hope it was useful. Biggest 'threat' to progress looming is 50K international students arriving into Edinburgh & age group least likely to comply with govt guidance on testing, tracing and quarantine. Have put together some thinking on this in case useful incl role of universities in operating responsibly & not just chasing intl students for 💰 but thinking how to make it safe, welcoming & attractive. We discussed it yesterday in group and again doing more next week to input best guidance for unis.

09:36

Very useful, thanks.
(Your interview on channel 4 last night v good too!).
I've had some discussions



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Very useful, thanks.
(Your interview on channel 4 last night v good too!).
I've had some discussions this week on universities - so very much on radar as a concern.
You probably know this but was just looking at death figures on UK gov dashboard (confirmed cases) for July so far, which are v stark -
Scotland 9
Wales 38
NI 5
England 1772
Was just on a 4 nations call and the UK gov explanation for England was that they have a bigger BAME population. It might be a factor, but can't imagine it's whole explanation?
Anyway, I'm very aware of how quickly all this can change!



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10:56

I think they're starting to blame shift onto minority communities.
Happens with other diseases too.

13:51

They're running a much higher level of infection. They released lockdown too early, have no functional test and trace system as it was all outsourced to private companies and low compliance after the Cummings episode. Gambling now on keeping it low - I think people have changed their behaviour to avoid virus so making own decisions & not following No.10 advice.

13:53



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28 July 2020

You were brilliant today in briefing! Let's hope people listen...

13:29

Thanks! Let's hope so. The picture across Europe looks increasingly shaky...

16:12

30 July 2020

I feel terrible that my tweets keep being used in strange ways. My uni tweet was in relation to all universities returning across Europe and in the US. Didn't mean to have you blindsided. Sorry!

18:12



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Have you blindsided. Sorry.

18:12

Don't worry! I had actually seen your tweet so wasn't blindsided (and you'd sent me the paper too!). Just keep doing your stuff - it's massively helpful - and leave the political nonsense to me!

18:15

31 July 2020

Sounds like England might turn and follow Scotland given BJ and CW today and rise in infections in England (ONS estimates 4.5K per day while Scotland is at 20-40 per day per HPS public modelling). Your influence is working- if only they could see elimination strategy is optimal.



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optimal.

12:57

I'm trying to get them there on elimination - I'm told Whitty not keen on using the word?? We will report 30 new cases today (12 of them in care homes) - 0.8%. Spread across country. But still highest number since early June

13:32

Linked to tourism + pubs?
Had several exchanges with Whitty on this. I think he's worried about having advised against full suppression in Feb and March and now changing completely the other way.

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Jeremy Hunt also wrote me after Select Committee that he agrees fully with Scottish approach and trying to push down South but Whitty is a block.

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I like Whitty but I despair if worry about past mistakes gets in way of doing right thing now

13:38

Yes SAGE got it wrong in Feb and March from reading their minutes. They treated it like flu.

I'm concerned about jump in Scotland to 30- feels like a creep up again

13:39



Me too - tho still need to see



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Me too - tho still need to see in context. Below 1%, disparate spread etc. But will be v vigilant

13:47

the modelling is promising- only thinks 10-30 cases in the community. Worth backtracing each case to figure out where infections were acquired.

13:50

Yes agreed

13:53

Btw Jeremy Hunt wrote me again today wanting to push zero Covid down South but I'm worried about getting involved in messy politics. Am not engaging now but he also thinks whack a mole not



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I'm worried about getting involved in messy politics. Am not engaging now but he also thinks whack a mole not working over medium term.

18:02

You should keep giving politicians who are interested the arguments and the ammunition and let them do the politics. Your influence is important...

18:10

3 August 2020

Not sure how you deal with it. Daily torrents of abuse and emails asking me to 'f off back to America or wherever I come from.' Tried to

block the politicians coming after mv tweets which incited



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another pile on. It's a true
lose-lose.

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It's a nightmare on social
media. It hard to ignore but it
is probably the best advice I
can give - don't pay attention
to it and just concentrate on
doing the vital you're doing.
And a tip - muting people on
Twitter gets them out of your
timeline but doesn't let them
know you've done it (unlike
blocking). That said, you're
perfect to entitled to block if
you want!

19:25

Thank you 🙏



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4 August 2020

Two issues on schools if helpful: 1. Have checked with Jim at HPS and no outbreaks linked to community school hubs/nurseries/holiday camps, etc which have been running now for weeks. Worth confirming that with HPS again as that's an important dimension and makes re-opening looks 'safe' as low as prevalence is low. 2. One risk is children coming back from holiday from destinations not on exemption list (like Spain) and heading straight into school. Families incl. kids have to do 14 day quarantine and not send children into school until they've completed that. 3. Outbreaks will happen, hopefully will be rare. But kids do transmit the virus same as adults as we're



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will happen, hopefully will be rare. But kids do transmit the virus same as adults as we're seeing with outbreaks in schools in England, US and other places. Objective is to keep the virus out of the school completely, and if it is present that there is a strong testing and tracing system ready to respond (I know desk exercises have been completed by NHS teams but public might like to hear how much prep has been done to prepare for keeping schools as safe as possible). Hope that's helpful...

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It is - thanks

14:55

Great- school re-openings a huge step. I think the more confidence teachers &



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Great- school re-openings a huge step. I think the more confidence teachers & parents have that: there has been assessment on re-opening measures for children so far in July/August to inform future policy, there are procedures in place for responding to outbreaks (which will happen, hopefully rarely) and NHS is ready, and that quarantine policies esp for those returning from holiday/trips abroad will be followed, the less anxiety there will be. Also remarkable to see how many cases in NHS Grampian- I guess due to Aberdeen bar outbreak. Airborne transmission is occurring esp in indoor settings with limited



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and I'll keep feeding until it's not helpful. Working on these issues around the clock with colleagues across the world- and ran through Scottish school plans with top team at WHO to ensure we avoid mistakes of Israel.

15:53

It's v helpful. Just been in a meeting re Aberdeen which is a worry. We may have to take some further action there to make sure it doesn't run out of control



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17:50

Better to move fast than wait
& have it get out of control.

17:53

Agreed

17:57

5 August 2020

Good decision on Aberdeen

12:56

Hard but necessary.
Confidentially- on my
attempt at a 4 nations
statement on elimination, the
UKG simply won't use the
word. I think I've got them to
'suppressing virus to lowest
possible level and keeping it
there'. I think I might bank
that as progress...



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17:00

Yes it is. what about 'no acceptable level of infection'- that would be progress too.

17:01

I've been thinking on what to learn from Aberdeen- and how to avoid local lockdowns- as I don't think they are sustainable in the long-term esp when furlough ends. Need to identify 'super spreading' types of events and how best to avoid them. These have happened across the world in bars/pubs/nightclubs/churches/discos. Incredibly hard for test and protect to suppress these kinds of places esp when people are bar-hopping and visiting several different venues w/risky settings.



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venues w/risky settings.
Might be worth doing a deep-
dive or focused session on
how to prevent spikes/super-
spreading- as local
lockdowns can only be used a
few times before social
unrest/economic issues.

17:05

Yes I'll get that arranged. In
meantime, we are looking at
tightening up guidance
around hospitality in various
ways

17:07

Yes- even a curfew to prevent
people visiting several
different venues, stricter
guidance on indoor settings,
letting bars/pubs use outdoor
space for tables, etc. This
virus is definitely airborne esp
with poor ventilation indoors.



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virus is definitely airborne esp with poor ventilation indoors. But it would be good to learn from what has happened to avoid it happening again. also happy to chat by phone if helpful.

17:10

Thanks

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and I think the 4 nation statement on 'suppressing virus to lowest possible level and keeping it there' is pretty good- unless they say lowest possible level is 1000 symptomatic cases/day (like a JBC document suggested). Addition of 'no acceptable incidence' which is included in the Scottish Govt Framework from April would also be a good step forward to establish key principle.



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in the Scottish Govt
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I'll try for that addition - but i
suspect I've got them as far
as they'll go. I'll then do my
best to interpret what it
means!

18:05

Actually I've got a vague
memory that they used
language like 'no acceptable
level' in their first exit from
lockdown paper (even tho
they obvs didn't mean it!) -
because I remember thinking
they'd lifted it from us. I'll see
if I can revive it!



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👍 big step to get them to agree and to get away from herd immunity

18:09

8 August 2020

Numbers not looking good- does raise the question of pulling back secondary schools to blended learning.

15:43

13 August 2020

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13 August 2020

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09:19

As far as I know, we are waiting for them to come back to us on the suggested amendment we made last week - no acceptable level of infection. I'm due to chase up today - will let you know

09:27

26 August 2020

 **dave** ❄️ 🥕 ... 25/08/2020

Boris Johnson has had to follow



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26 August 2020

 **dave**   ... 25/08/2020

Boris Johnson has had to follow Nicola Sturgeon's lead so many times now it won't be long before he's campaigning for Scottish Independence



Cheekily sharing this with you for a laugh:

On a more serious note, any progress on the 4 nation agreement on maximum suppression? I think Whitty generally agrees with that approach.

15:59

Haha!

On 4 nations - and this is confidential obvs - the hold up now is NI who it seems are



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approach.

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Haha!
On 4 nations - and this is confidential obvs - the hold up now is NI who it seems are trying to play all-Ireland issues into it (welcome to more of the UK's constitutional politics!!). The rest of us are agreed on max suppression language - which doesn't go as far as I'd like but which I'll interpret and describe as elimination.

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That sounds really positive

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Also think UK govt will follow on higher education policy: testing students, masks in lectures, etc that I hear is in the works. Joined SAGE meeting where they're basically copying Scottish govt advisory group guidance.

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31 August 2020

[ft.com/content/b664b4...](https://www.ft.com/content/b664b4...)

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1 September 2020



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1 September 2020

Numbers going up but doesn't seem to be linked with schools re-opening at first glance. How worried are you about the numbers?

12:41

Worried but not yet panicking. Not decided yet, but I think we might take some preventative action in Glasgow later - maybe restricting household gatherings. I'm most worried about that just now

12:46

Local, targeted restrictions make the most sense- and also expanding testing in those areas which seem to have higher transmission.



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nave nigher transmission.

12:50

4 September 2020

I hope all is going ok- is there any progress on the 4 nation agreement? It would just be good to get England to commit to maximum suppression so all the herd immunity nonsense can be taken off the table publicly. Many thanks

15:23

5 September 2020

No final sign off yet unfortunately- there's a 4 nations call on Monday so I'll be pushing for progress there. Will let you know



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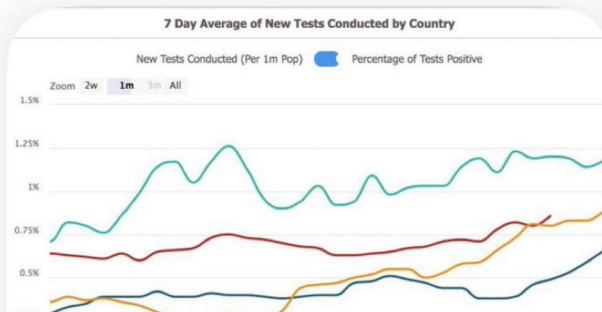


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be pushing for progress there.
Will let you know

09:18

Thanks- also bc I think it might come up in press briefings..Scotland has slightly overtaken England in cases/capita. But testing is almost double England per capita- and testing positivity is still lower in Scotland. Test more/find more, test less, find less. Better to find mild infections before they spread further and reach vulnerable people. Based on public data here are some basic graphs showing this.

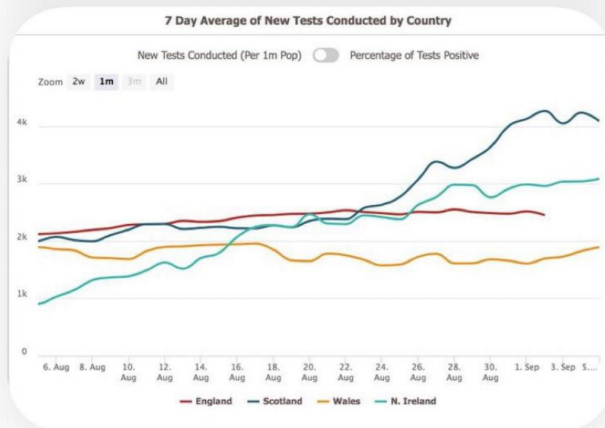
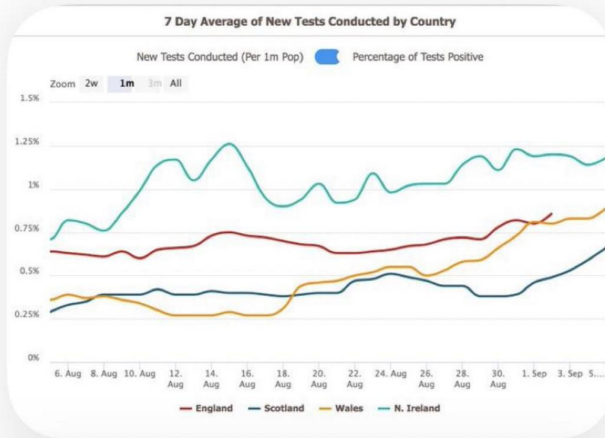


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— England — Scotland — Wales — N. Ireland

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7 September 2020

Sorry again for question today- pulled from Sky interview yesterday when asked about sustainable aviation strategy

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Mail also has it out for me-



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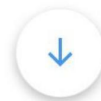
Mail also has it out for me-
awful paper

20:37

No worries! And I sympathise
re Mail - truly awful! They
hate me too!!
I think we are close to getting
4 nations statement
published - hopefully this
week - we've got them to
agree maximum suppression
language.

20:38

Really positive to hear- I have
a new Guardian piece
tomorrow out. If they don't
make changes to it, it has a
para comparing your
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to Merkel and Ardern -
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20:41

Thank you! And yes, they hate it - it offends everything they stand for!

20:47

Yes- I'm learning to ignore the trolling and lies and made-up articles and just get on with life. I'm really happy to hear about the 4 nations statement- that will be a big step forward. And maximum suppression = elimination strategy = Zero COVID strategy. Interchangeable



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21:05

10 September 2020

Great news on app! Is there a way Scottish govt can text every mobile phone user here to download the app as part of a 'broadcast'?

07:40

I'm not sure - will check



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I'm not sure - will check

07:42

16 September 2020

Aligns with Scotland strategy:
bma.org.uk/bma-media-cent...

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19 September 2020

great article on what happened in the U.S:
theatlantic.com/magazine/archi...

10:01

Thanks

10:02

20 September 2020



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Prof. Devi Sridhar

20 September 2020

Sorry to bother but any progress on 4 nation strategy?

17:28

21 September 2020

N Ireland still to agree - hopefully this week

08:20

Press seems set on creating division between us -> my article here where I'm actually fully aligned with Scottish govt strategy (as you know). Selectively quoting:
theguardian.com/commentisfree/...

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Prof. Devi Sridhar

13:57

Absolutely...it's tiresome but just what they do.
PS I am pushing for the 4 nations statement to issue out of COBR tomorrow...we'll see

14:16

Sounds good- would be good to put nail in the coffin of herd immunity which still being pushed by some Tory MPs. Your press conference today was superb again.

14:19

22 September 2020

4 nations statement agreed and should be out later today



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Prof. Devi Sridhar

10:47

Fantastic news- great to hear that. Thank you for your leadership on it.

10:49

btw, BBC1 has asked me to come on right after PM's speech tonight to offer a response- anything I should know just so I don't create any PR problems with something I say based on your speech tonight?

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12:08

yes- my key messages will be supporting govt early intervention, focus on local test/tracing, extending furlough, clearer messaging and on 4 nation agreement.

12:14

Fantastic speech!!

17:59



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23 September 2020



07:23

29 September 2020

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19:35

Ok - thanks for heads up. I see you've tweeted it so I'll have a read



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Prof. Devi Sridhar

19:38

2 October 2020

Tough days for you- excellent words today & strong leadership! Have as good a weekend as you can- hopefully with a good book!

15:15

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[nytimes.com/2020/10/02/us/...](https://www.nytimes.com/2020/10/02/us/...)

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25 October 2020



Nicholas K...  25/10/2020



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25 October 2020

 **Nicholas K...**  25/10/2020

What is it about women leaders and Covid-19? Even in England itself (not Britain, not Scotland), [@NicolaSturgeon](#) is more liked than Boris Johnson



19:00

Thanks! (Tho I have to concede that being more popular than Boris is not a high bar at the moment)



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Prof. Devi Sridhar

19:04

17 December 2020

On how Norway managed ->
tight border controls
absolutely central. See
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