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4. In order to assess the data and picture of the pandemic, I refer colleagues to this week's R Paper which gives an overall state of the pandemic, as well as the advice of CMO/CSA below.

MO/CSA Advice

5. As summarised in the most recent R paper, we are currently seeing a rapid increase in case numbers and an early indication of an increase in hospital admissions. This is tracking slightly above the previously modelled central scenario, which would result in around 1200 cases per day in late August and 400 hospital inpatients in late September. Based on current trends, 2000 – 3000 cases per day remains possible by late July, with peak numbers in August significantly greater. A delay in any further relaxations would reduce the risk of an even greater increase in these numbers and would be the preferred option from the perspective of reducing the direct health impacts of the virus.
6. As always, the Executive will need to weigh the benefits of delaying further relaxations against family, societal and economic considerations.
7. If the Executive wishes to allow some additional relaxations from 5th July, outdoor activities should be prioritised as they are likely to be associated with less increase in risk. Proposals which could be considered (which are slight modifications to the proposals listed in ANNEX A) include:
 - i. Remove the cap of 500 outdoor gatherings, subject to risk assessment for gatherings over 30;
 - ii. Permit outdoor live music as per the two proposals below:
 - a) in outdoor licensed and unlicensed premises which provide or sell food and drink (whether or not including intoxicating liquor) for consumption on the premises permit live music at background or ambient levels; the volume must be such to enable visitors to conduct conversation at normal loudness of speech;
 - b) At outdoor events permit live music, without restriction to background or ambient levels.

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