

Boris Johnson led the final regular briefing, flanked by chief advisers Chris Whitty and Sir Patrick Vallance.

From now on televised briefings will be given on an "ad hoc" basis to "coincide with significant announcements," Downing Street said.

It comes as the PM announced an easing of the lockdown in England.

There have been 92 briefings, and two national addresses by the prime minister.

Leading the final briefing, Mr Johnson thanked Prof Whitty and Sir Patrick for their "heroic work in presenting information to the public so clearly and so powerfully".

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He added that there will "certainly" be more local outbreaks and "I don't think, therefore, that you have seen the last of us by any means but they will not be happening as often as they have been".

He said all of the information on hospital admissions, death rates and the spread of the virus presented at the daily briefings would still be published on the government website.

But Conservative MP and former minister Tobias Ellwood criticised the move, saying regular televised briefings should continue while the UK remained in an "enduring emergency".

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