On the pack:

- References to 'HMT analysis' have reappeared in this slide pack – per our previous comments, this should only be referenced as 'internal analysis'. We have flagged these references in the pack.
- We think there needs to be more discussion of behavioural effects - they feel like a key factor missing from the pack.
- Please can we be clear and consistent on how we are talking about the number of isolation days. I.e., *minimum* X days isolation.
- Given absence of some discussion, particularly on sectoral impacts, we would prefer this was presented alongside the longer evidence paper.
- Updated analysis: we have analysed the impact of a 1-day reduction on workforce absences and GDP. Please find below summary bullets (in the same format as those within the pack):
  - *Internal analysis, using adjusted LSHTM epidemiological scenarios, suggests that reducing the isolation period by one day would* ***reduce the peak number of absences by 50k – 125k to 475k – 975k.*** *This represents 1.5-3.0% of the workforce [medium confidence].*
  - *Assuming average productivity across all absent workers, the direct impact with the current isolation policy could be between 1.3% and 2.6% of January GDP level. A reduction of the minimum period of isolation by one day could therefore directly reduce this impact by* ***c.0.1ppt – 0.2ppt*** *to between 1.2% and 2.4% of January GDP.*
- On the confidence table: we believe the workforce absence estimates should have a medium confidence – suggest the below edits to both the economic impact and overall impact ratings.

All the best,

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Economic impact	We have ~~low/~~medium confidence in estimates of ~~economic impact and~~ workforce absences. These are based on internal analysis, and dependent on a number of assumptions, including the trajectory of the epidemic. The analysis only covers the impact on workforce absences and cannot be used to give an overall impact of this policy on the economy. ~~does not account for any increase in infectious release from reducing the isolation period, the age profile of infections or those who remain positive or unwell post-isolation period. They also do not account for those who can work from home if well enough and those who may need to continue to be absent to care for others~~