

SPI-M-O

Medium-Term Projections

As at 29/09/2020

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- These projections are a **draft under development** and represent SPI-M-O's **best assessment of the potential trajectory** of the epidemic over the next 6 weeks, based on current trends and the data available up to **29th September 2020**. Projections for **hospitalisations and deaths** are provided for **England, Scotland, Wales, Northern Ireland and NHS England regions**.
- The projections **portray a range of possible futures** and are produced by fitting epidemiological models to trends in the past data. SPI-M-O members extrapolate forwards and use their expert judgements about how viral transmission will change **in the absence of additional government intervention or behavioural changes**.
- **These projections will continue to be developed over the coming weeks** and therefore, these slides should be considered as **drafts for discussion** and a **work in progress**.
- The delay between infection, developing symptoms, the need for hospital care, and death means **these projections cannot fully reflect changes in transmission which might have occurred over the past two to three weeks**, including any impact from the recently announced measures. Projections in the nearer term, however, are more certain; for example, those projected to die from COVID-19 in two weeks' time are likely to already be infected.
- **Making projections at the when the epidemic is changing is particularly challenging**; this was the situation in the UK at the time these projections were developed. The lagged nature of many data streams makes it difficult to detect and interpret changes.

Metrics:

- **New hospitalisations per day:** Number of individuals admitted with COVID-19 and inpatients newly diagnosed with COVID-19. Data definitions differ slightly across all four nations.
- **New deaths per day (by date of death):** The number of COVID-19 deaths within 28 days of a positive test. Data definitions differ slightly across all four nations.

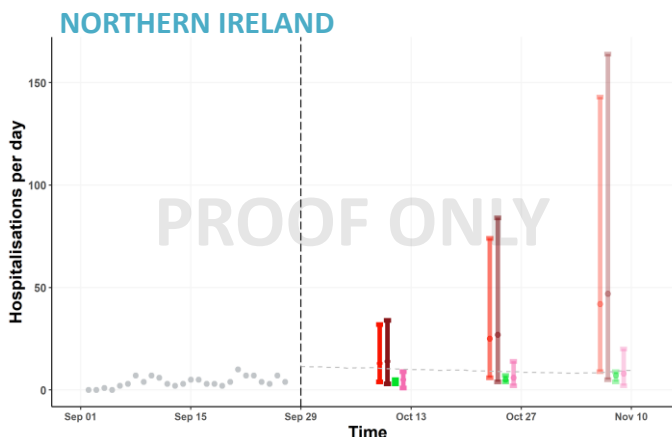
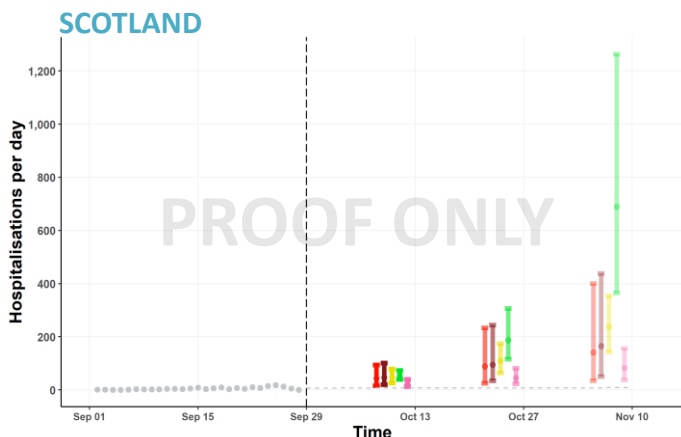
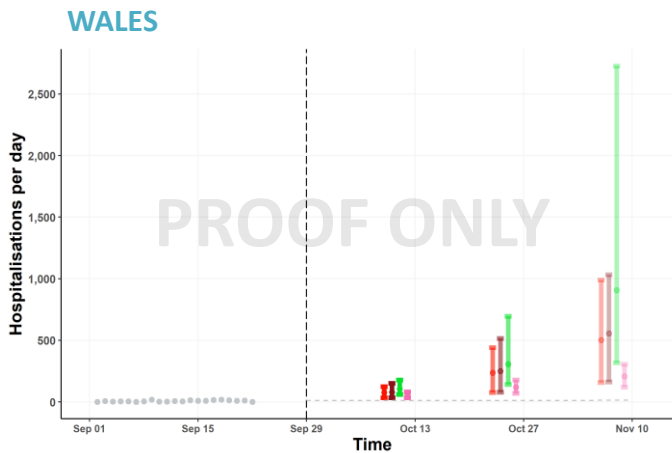
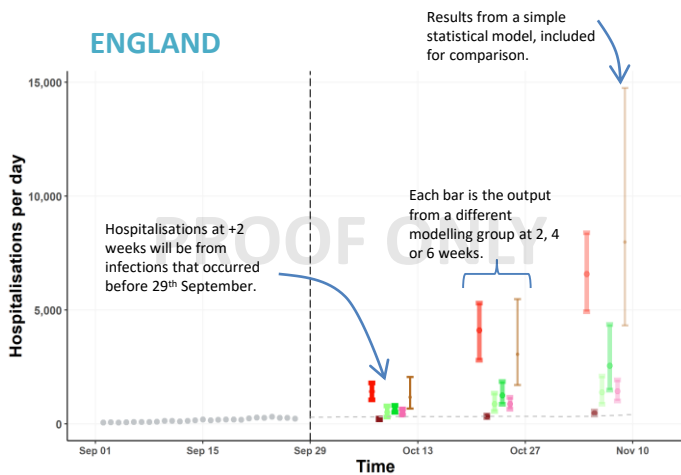
Modeled Projections Based On Trends Seen Up To 29/09/20

New hospital admissions per day

These are projections based on current trends and not forecasts

Key

- Real data
- Unconfirmed data
- Today's date



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Projections cannot account for policy or behavioural changes in the two to three weeks prior to 29th September, as they will not be reflected in epidemiological data. Nor can they reflect future changes. They are not forecasts.

Each model projection is for continued exponential growth in hospital admissions and deaths.

Different groups' projections are similar in the short term. Beyond this, the models diverge. This is because a) different messages are coming from different streams of data and b) in a period of exponential growth, small differences in growth rates quickly compound to large difference in outcomes after several weeks.

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Data notes (sources added for release):

- England: Number of patients admitted with confirmed COVID-19 and the number of inpatients diagnosed with COVID-19 in the past 24 hours. Taken from the NHSE COVID 19 Sitreps.
- Wales: Number of patients admitted with confirmed COVID-19 and the number of patients diagnosed with COVID-19 on the day of admission. Provided by Public Health Wales.
- Scotland: Number of patients admitted with confirmed COVID-19 and inpatients diagnosed with COVID-19 within 7 days of admission. Provided by Public Health Scotland.
- Northern Ireland: Number of patients admitted with confirmed COVID-19 and the number of inpatients diagnosed with COVID-19. Provided by HSCNI.

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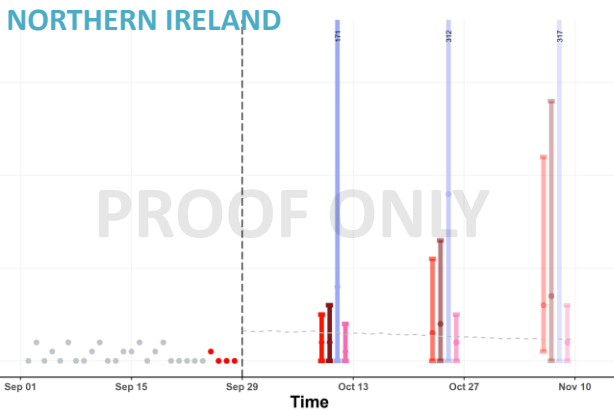
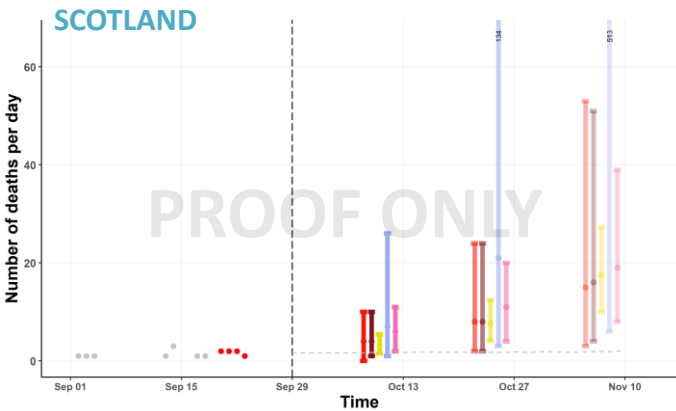
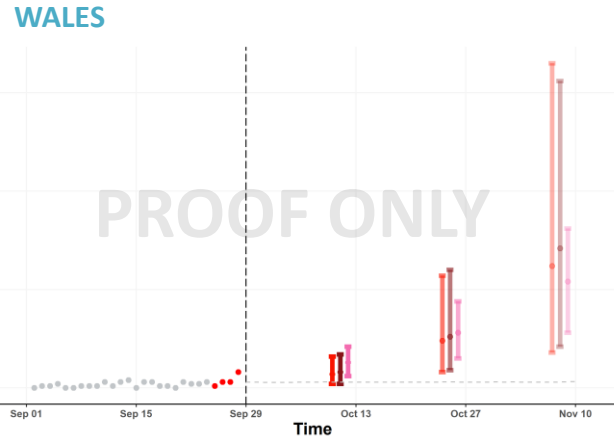
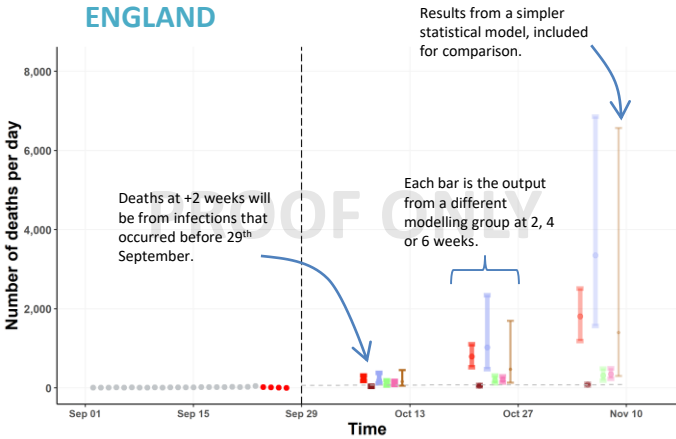
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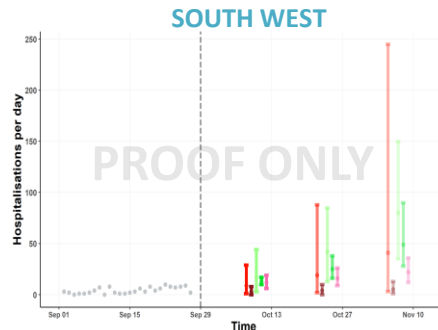
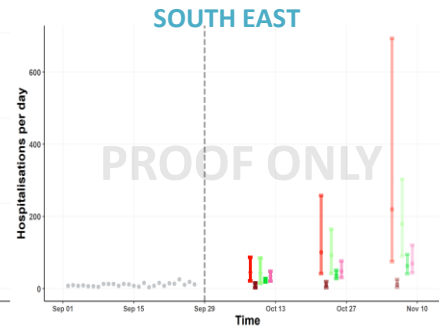
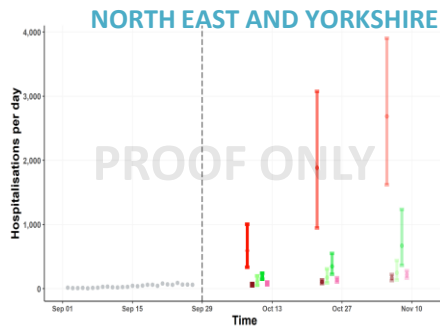
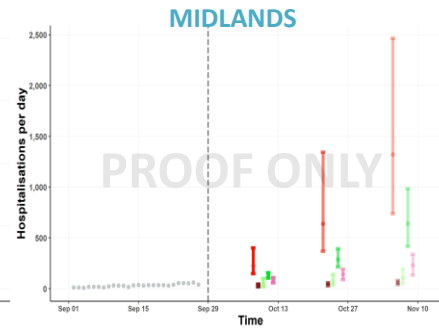
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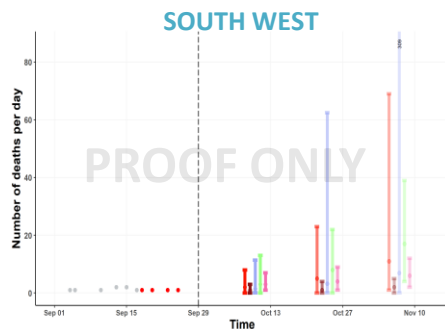
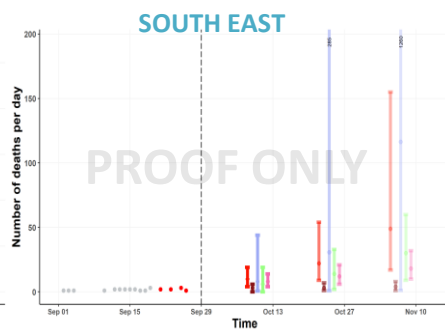
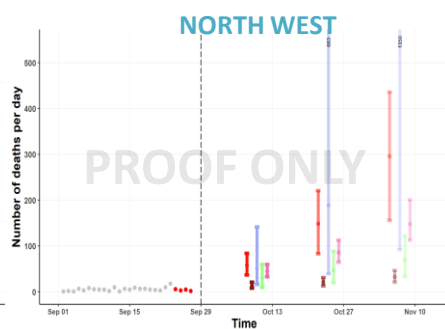
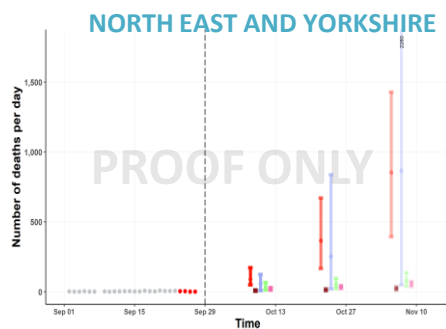
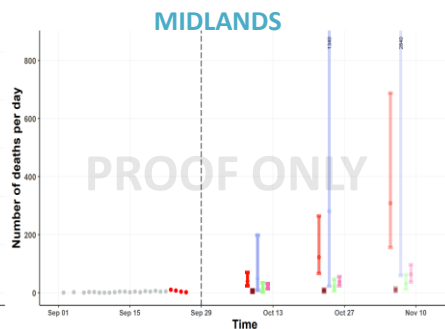
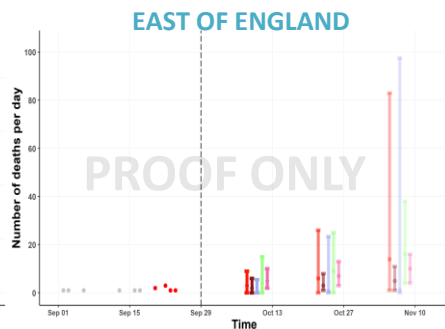
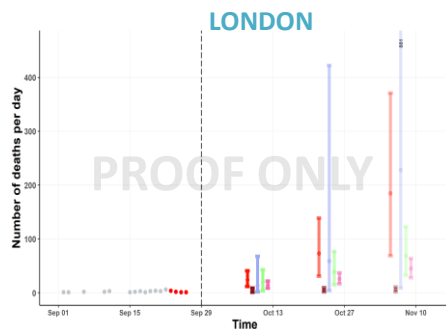
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