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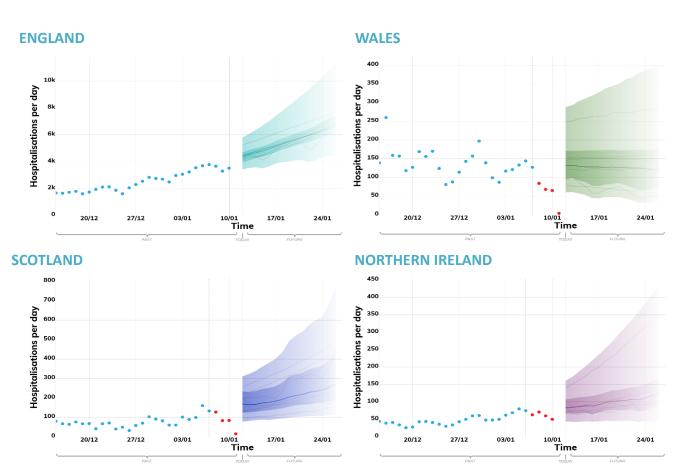
- These projections are not forecasts or predictions. They represent a scenario in which the trajectory of the epidemic continues to follow the trends that were seen in the data up to 11th January.
- These projections will not fully reflect the levels of mixing over the festive period nor the impact of policy changes made in the two to three weeks prior to 11th January.
- They cannot account for the impact of recent national lockdown. The projections here only consider the next two weeks, with the majority of hospitalisations and deaths over this period likely to be due to infections that have already happened. The trajectory beyond this will depend on the impact of the lockdown. While this will reduce R, it is not known whether R will decrease below 1.
- Not all modelling groups produce projections for both hospitalisations and deaths. As a result, there will be some differences in the models included in the combined projections for each metric.

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.

New hospital admissions per day

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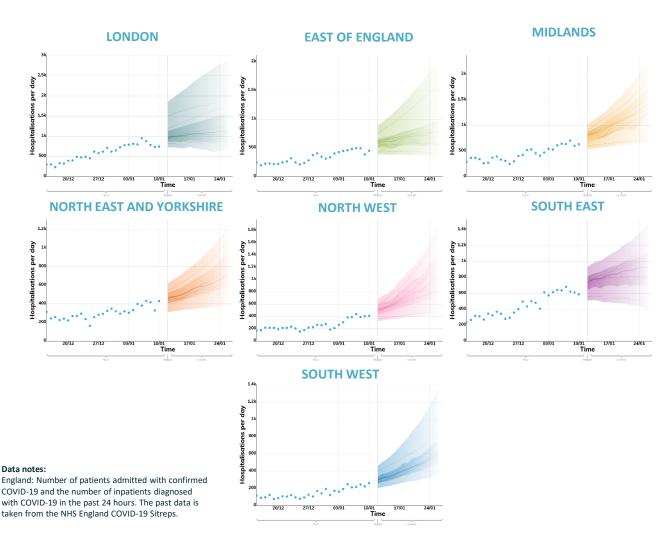
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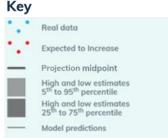
Data notes:

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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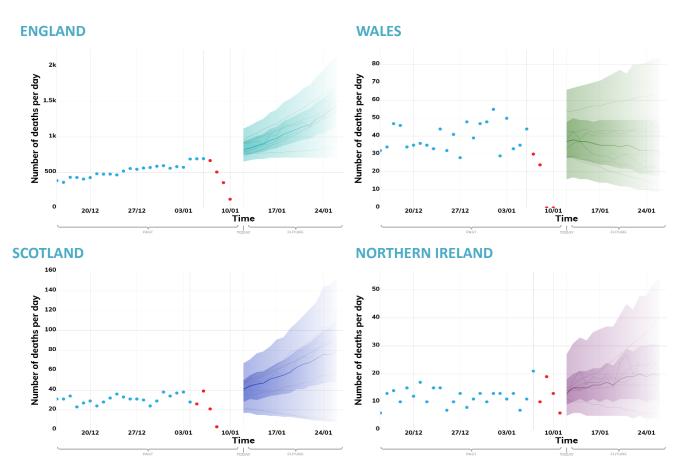
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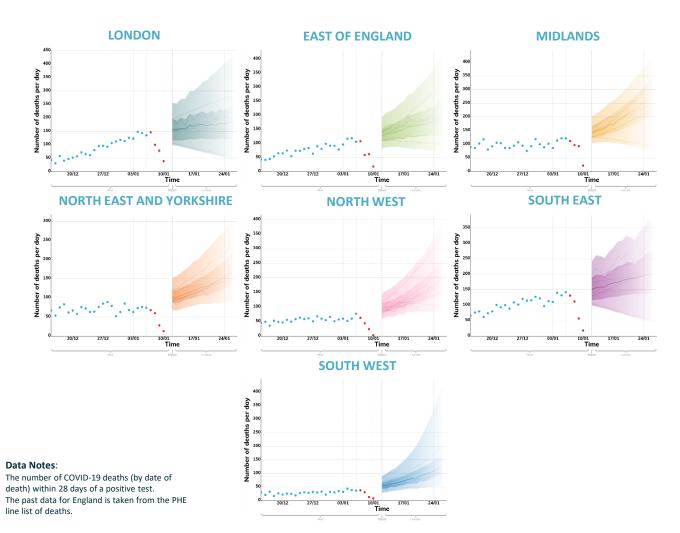
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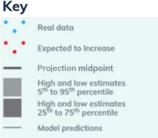
The number of COVID-19 deaths (by date of death) within 28 days of a positive test.

The past data for England is taken from the PHE line list of deaths. The past data for Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland is taken from the Coronavirus (COVID-19) in the UK dashboard on Gov.uk.

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