

Subject: Re: Covid-19 stats claims: RRU flag and recommendation

Just closing this chain with a thanks to DHSC colleagues for the rebuttal tweet:

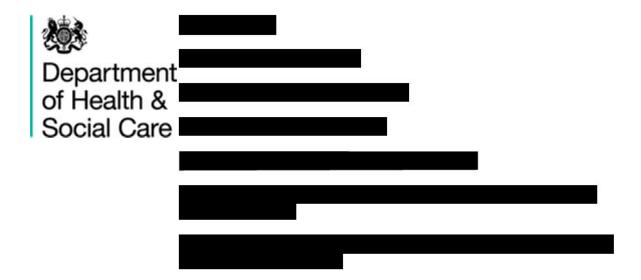
"This article is misleading. This is a global pandemic - national restrictions have been introduced to keep people safe and save lives. It is vital people follow the rules and continue to stay at home so we can bring the transmission rates back down and get back to normality."

<a href="https://twitter.com/DHSCgovuk/status/1330216324258275329">https://twitter.com/DHSCgovuk/status/1330216324258275329</a>

On Sat, 21 Nov 2020 at 16:02, wrote:

Sounds good - will speak to our on call team and come back to you if any Qs etc.

Cheers,



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Hi <b>mara</b>	
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Yes, given the online interest, I think it's worth rebutting on Twitter. I'd Mail's post rather than to lockdown sceptics - happy to discuss in more	
Best,	
On Sat, 21 Nov 2020 at 15:28,	wrote:
Hi <b>and</b>	
Please see our cleared lines below which we will send to the Mail now.	
Do you think this is also worth a rebuttal tweet?	

## A Government spokesperson said:

"National restrictions have been introduced to save lives. This is a global pandemic, and we have taken action to keep people safe. The UK is not acting in isolation - the toll that Covid-19 has taken on this country and across the world is clear. Many have lost loved ones, and others have been left seriously ill.

"We are heading into the winter months where we will see the usual pressures on the NHS now combined with a new virus. It is vital people follow the rules and continue to play their part and stay at home so we can bring the transmission rates back down and get back to normality as soon as possible.

## Background:

- The full slides from the latest coronavirus press conference can be found here: <a href="https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/slide-to-accompany-coronavirus-press-conference-20-november-2020">https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/slide-to-accompany-coronavirus-press-conference-20-november-2020</a>
- Those from the 31 October conference can be found here: <a href="https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/slides-to-accompany-coronavirus-press-conference-31-october-2020">https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/slides-to-accompany-coronavirus-press-conference-31-october-2020</a>





Thanks A line is with our spads for clearance so hopefully should be ready as soon as possible



From:	
Sent: 21 November 2020 14:32	-
To:	

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Just wondered if you had an update on lines for this?

To note, the <u>Daily Mail</u> article has grown a fair bit since this morning (19k interactions), and a tweet from lockdown sceptic <u>Yardley Yeadon</u> has received 1.7k retweets and 3.3k likes in an hour (fast growth).

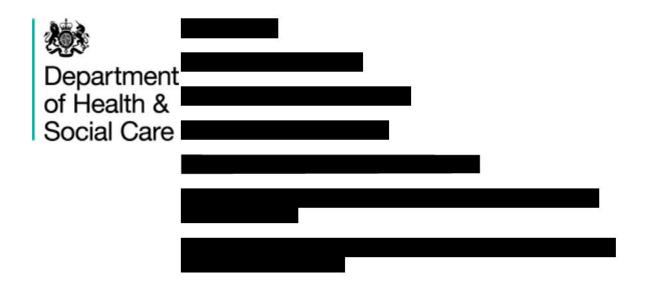
Many thanks,



On Sat, 21 Nov 2020 at 10:40, wrote:

Thanks sure we should have some lines as had similar stories crop up earlier this month.

Will let you know what we clear





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