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1. I believe the government is about to make another huge mistake. Where is @UKLabour in all this? I have some questions @Keir_Starmer should be asking urgently. Please RT to raise awareness.

> It seems increasingly likely that, come March, the govt is planning to say to under-65s without pre-existing conditions: go forth and get Covid https://t.co/BhHNG3M2DR
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> — D_Shariatmadari (@D_Shariatmadari) January 10, 2021

2. Where is the modelling or evidence to support a focused protection vaccination strategy? The government has chosen it as its preferred strategy but it must have considered other options. Will the government publish the data and the alternative options considered?

3. A responsible government will have modelling for 20%, 50% and 80% vaccine coverage, and projections for the number of infections, Long Covid and deaths in each scenario. Where are those models? On what basis has the government opted for the 20% scenario?

4. The government should also have modelled each of these scenarios against a backdrop of low, medium and high community transmission. What is the impact of each vaccination scenario against varying levels of community transmission?

5. There should also be some assessment of incidence of reinfection and likely evolution of variants given different levels of community transmission. What does this assessment tell us?

6. A responsible government will have done this modelling and used it to inform their decision on which strategy to pursue. Publish the models, the underlying data and the evidence that supports focused protection as the correct approach.

7. There is strong real world evidence to support the #ZeroCovid approach taken by China, New Zealand, Taiwan and others. Why has the government rejected this approach? What is the data that suggests it would fail in the UK?

8. Dr Fauci suggests 70% to 90% vaccine coverage is necessary for success and the safe resumption of normal activities. Why is the UK government taking a different approach? What evidence is the to suggest he’s wrong?

9. Chris Whitty says we need to have a national conversation about risk and an acceptable level of death. We need data in order to have an informed discussion. https://t.co/rcJSvdb3aZ

> 3. And Chris Whitty shared his thoughts on why, how and when restrictions might be lifted. pic.twitter.com/YtERJzhavU
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> — Adam Hamdy (@adamhamdy) January 5, 2021

10. We need information and evidence to understand why the government has settled on this strategy, and we need to understand why it has rejected other approaches.

11. This is one of the biggest public health decisions in modern history. No offence intended, but the government's pandemic response has been one of the worst in the world. We can't take a leap of faith. The government must publish the basis of its decision & accept scrutiny. https://t.co/wHWHVefM8f

> It was wrong to believe that 'saving the economy' was an alternative to 'saving people's lives\u2019.
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> If anything it is the other way around and the two goals go together so that countries that kept the health impact of the pandemic lower suffered smaller economic consequences. pic.twitter.com/IbMsJPChnD
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> — Max Roser (@MaxCRoser) January 8, 2021