

Latest numbers on COVID-19 in the UK – 27 August 2020

We have combined data from the government's daily figures¹, the government's report on NHS Test and Trace², ONS infection survey³ and each nation's official death registries.

1. Number of new deaths from COVID-19 in the UK.
2. Number of new hospital admissions in England.
3. Number of new cases in the UK.
4. Positivity rates
5. Towards Zero COVID update
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1. <https://coronavirus.data.gov.uk/>

2. <https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/nhs-test-and-trace-statistics-england-weekly-reports>

3. <https://www.ons.gov.uk/peoplepopulationandcommunity/healthandsocialcare/conditionsanddiseases/bulletins/coronaviruscovid19infectionsurveyypilot/latest>

Headlines

Deaths are declining, hospitalisation admissions continue to plateau.

Number of daily cases on a slow rise.

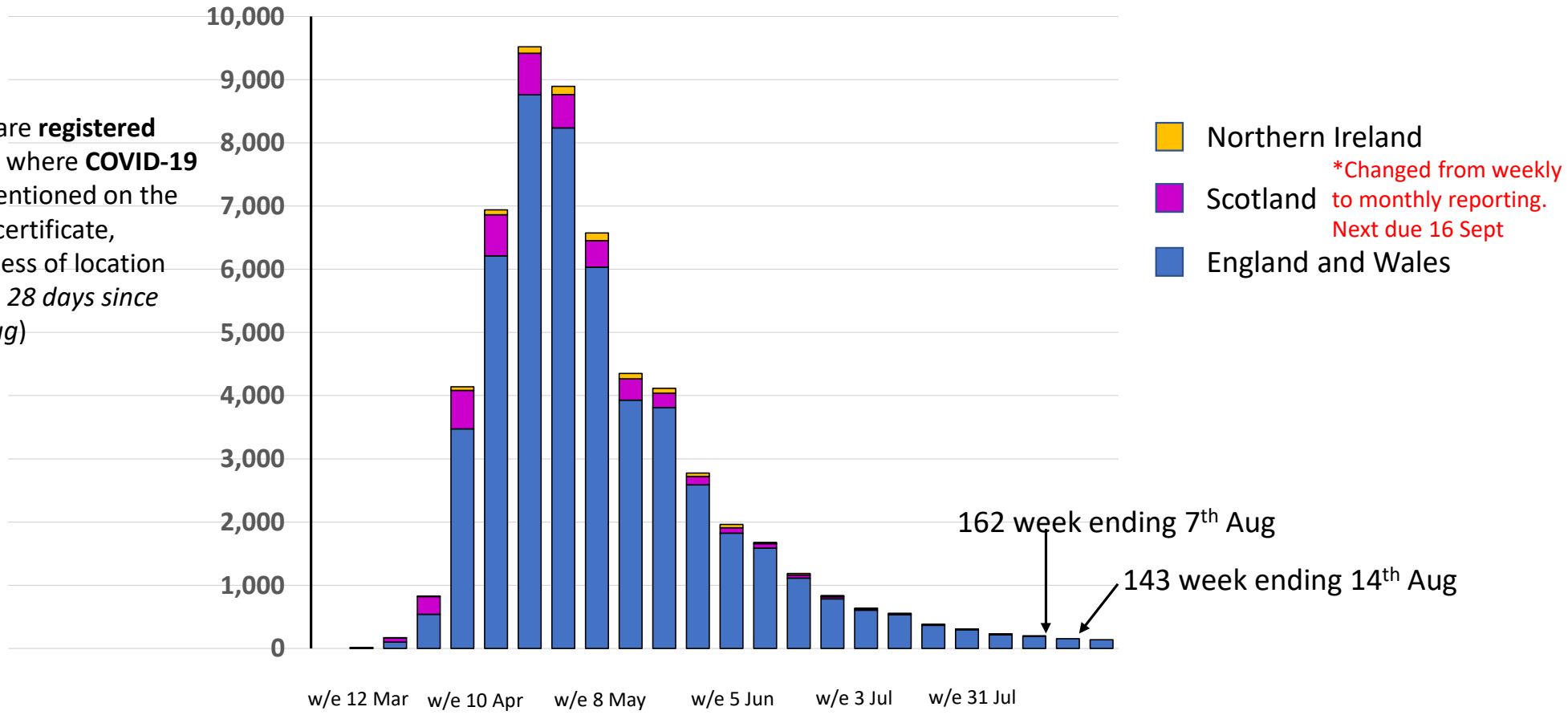
Positivity rates overall remain higher than July, mainly due to Pillar 2 (community) testing.

Daily cases per million increasing compared to 07 Aug.

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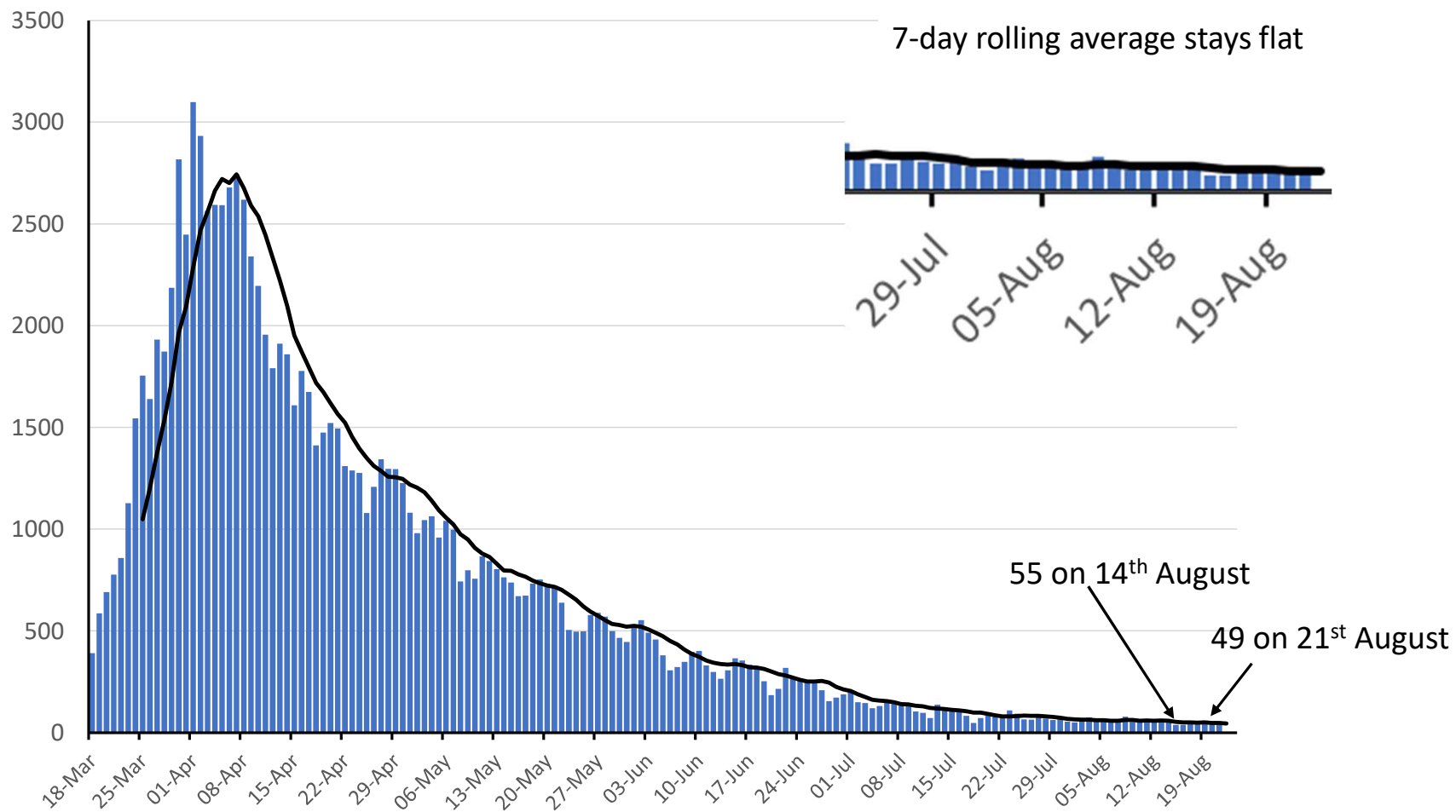
Number of new UK deaths from COVID-19 per week

These are **registered deaths** where **COVID-19** was mentioned on the death certificate, regardless of location (within 28 days since mid-Aug)



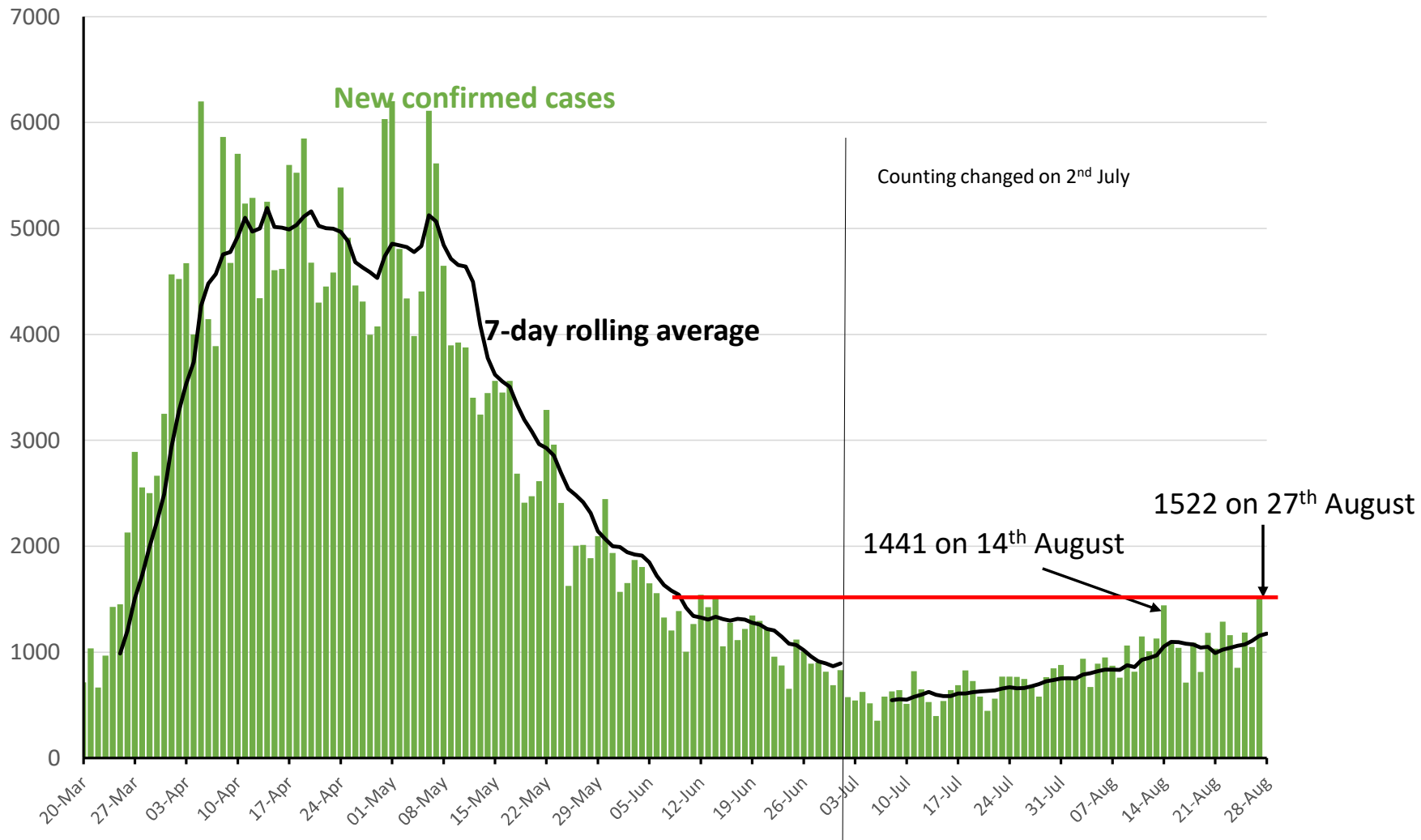
Data from :
England and Wales: www.ons.gov.uk/peoplepopulationandcommunity/birthsdeathsandmarriages/deaths/bulletins/deathsregisteredweeklyinenglandandwalesprovisional/latest
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Northern Ireland: www.nisra.gov.uk/publications/weekly-deaths

Number of new hospital admissions with COVID-19 per day in England



Data from <https://coronavirus.data.gov.uk/>

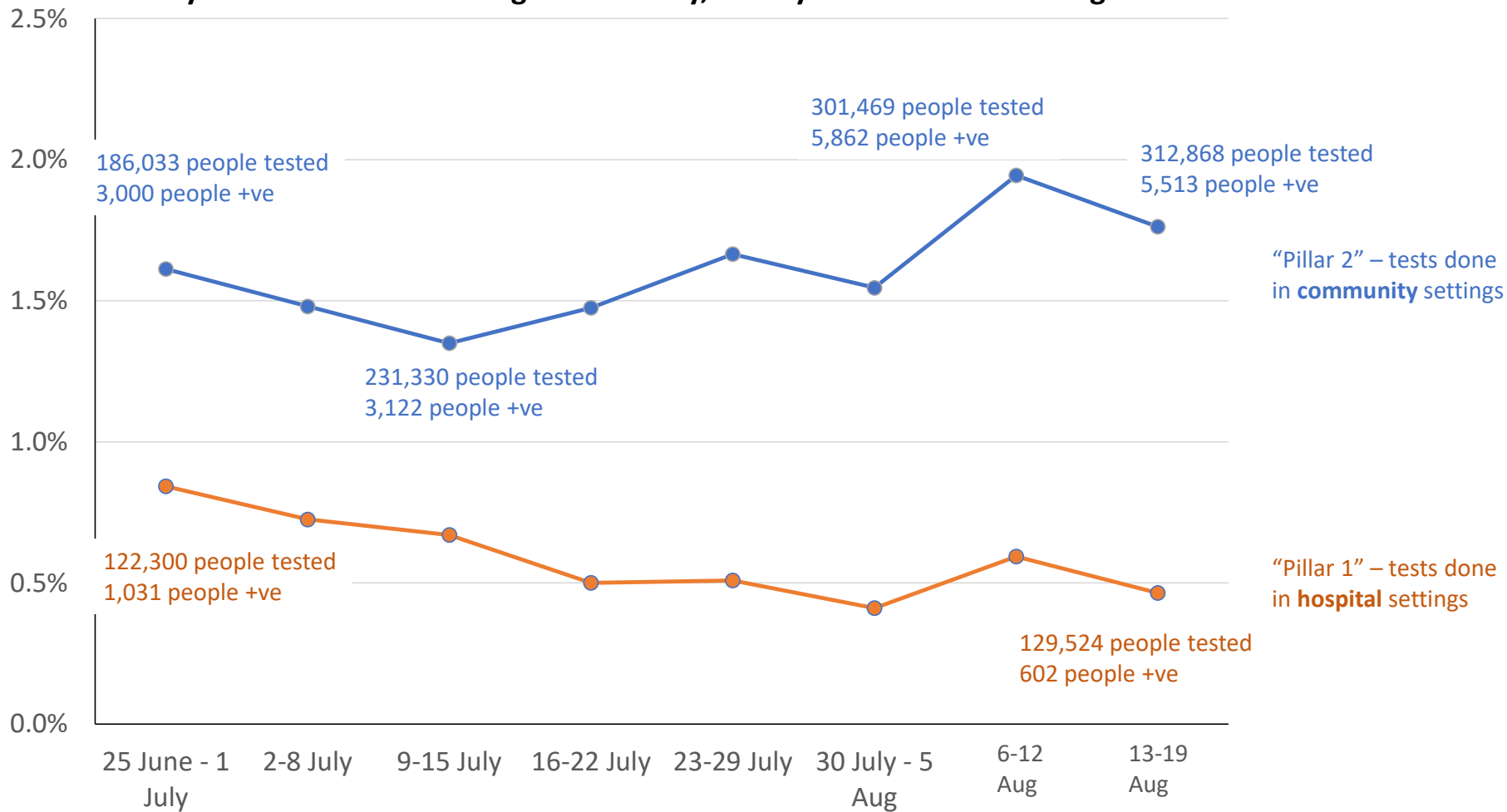
Number of new UK confirmed COVID-19 cases (people who have had a positive test)



Data from <https://coronavirus.data.gov.uk/>

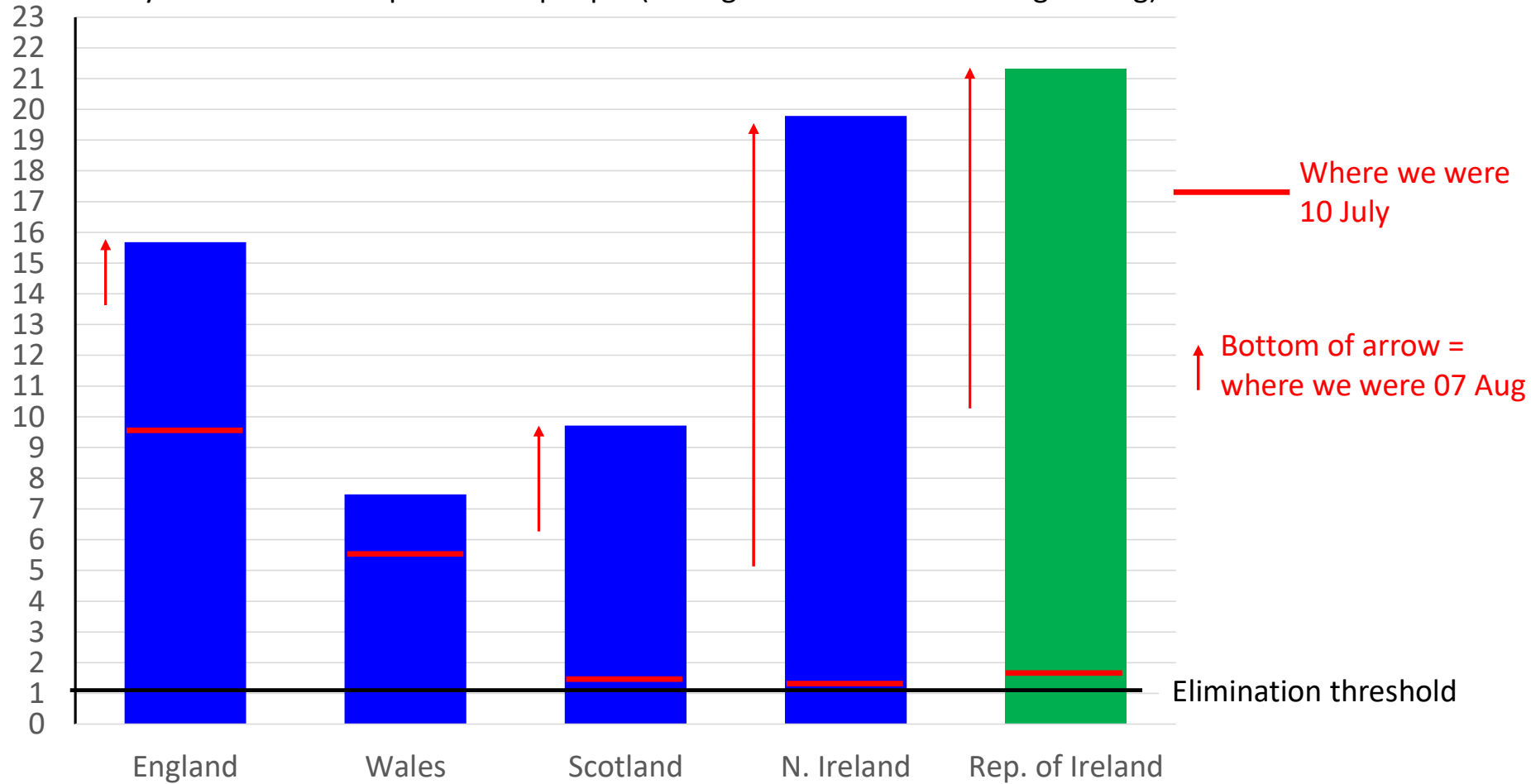
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Percentage of people tested who then test positive (“positivity rate”)



Towards zero COVID?

New daily confirmed cases per million people (average over the week ending 21 Aug)



Data from <https://coronavirus.data.gov.uk/> and <https://www.ecdc.europa.eu/en/publications-data/download-todays-data-geographic-distribution-covid-19-cases-worldwide>

Summary

- Deaths are declining, hospitalisation admissions continue to plateau.
- Number of daily cases on a slow rise
 - Highest since early-mid June.
- Positivity rates overall remain higher than July, mainly due to Pillar 2 testing.
- Daily cases per million increasing compared to 07 Aug
 - Wrong direction in terms of a Zero COVID strategy.
- In light of increasing cases, isolation as critical as ever to interrupt transmission as part of strong FTTIS system
 - Welcome announcement of financial support for isolation....and/but....