

# The British Academy's review of the long-term societal impacts of COVID-19

Dominic Abrams, FBA

<https://www.thebritishacademy.ac.uk/projects/covid-decade/>

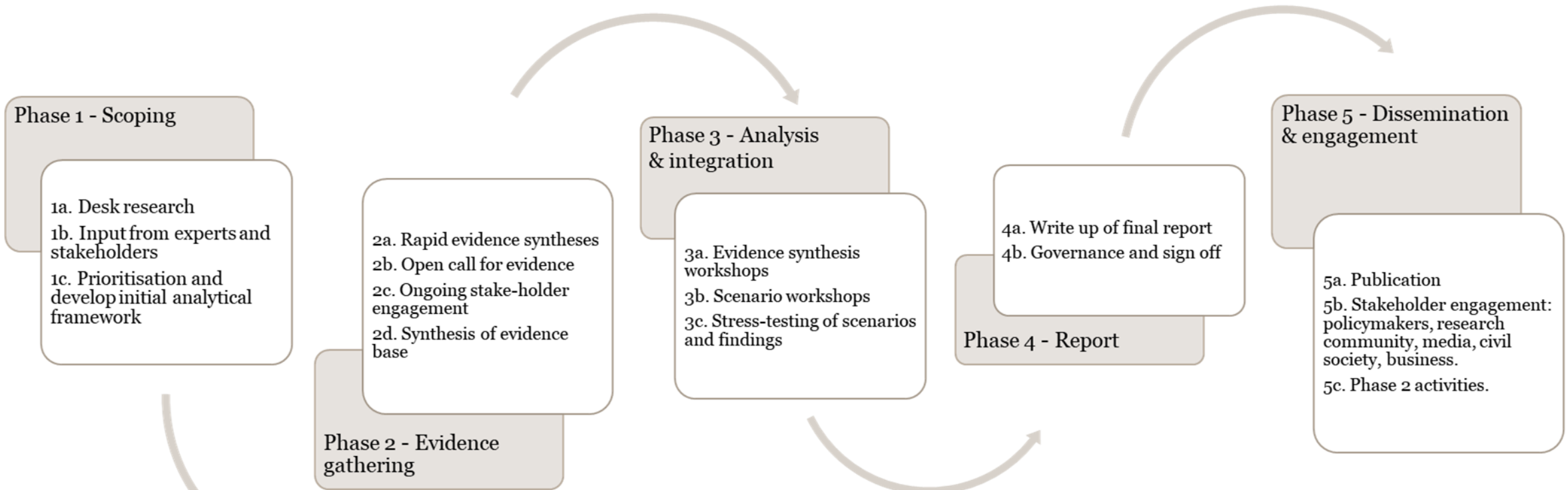
International Science Council (Europe)

June 11<sup>th</sup> 2021



# Project question and plan

Government Office for Science invited us to assess long-term societal implications and impacts of COVID-19



# Overview of the Evidence Framework

...assessing implications/ ramifications for

- Governance
- Trust
- Cohesion
- Inequalities
- Sustainability

...across societal areas of...

- Health and wellbeing,
- Community, culture & belonging
- Knowledge, employment & skills

...considering elements of...

- place** (local, regional, national, international),
- scale** (individual, community, society)
- time** (historical and future).

# Understanding and Shaping the COVID Decade

<https://www.thebritishacademy.ac.uk/publications/covid-decade-understanding-the-long-term-societal-impacts-of-covid-19/>



**THE COVID  
DECADE**  
Understanding  
the long-term  
societal impacts  
of COVID-19



**BA** The British Academy  
COVID-19 and Society

# 9 significant areas of long term impact

1. Increased importance of local communities

2. Low and unstable levels of trust

3. Widening geographic inequalities

4. Exacerbated structural inequalities

5. Worsened health outcomes and growing health inequalities

6. Greater awareness of the importance of mental health

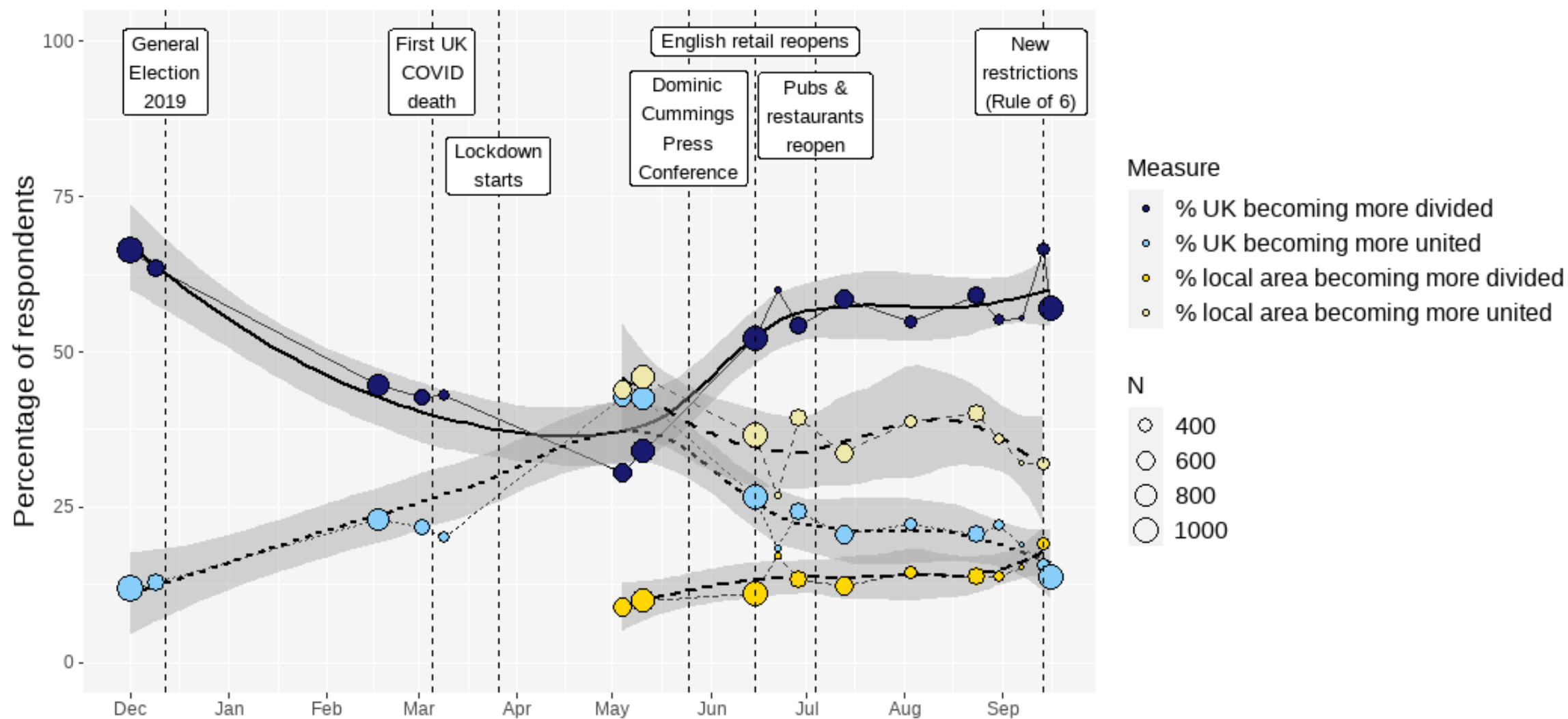
7. Pressure on revenue streams

8. Rising unemployment and changing labour markets

9. Renewed awareness of education and skills

# Trust and Cohesion

Change in feelings of division and unity among the UK and local communities



# Understanding and Shaping the COVID Decade

<https://www.thebritishacademy.ac.uk/publications/shaping-the-covid-decade-addressing-the-long-term-societal-impacts-of-covid-19/>



**SHAPING THE  
COVID DECADE**  
Addressing  
the long-term  
societal impacts  
of COVID-19



**BA** The British Academy  
COVID-19 and Society



# 7 strategic policy goals

1. Build multi-level governance structures

2. Improve the way we develop, share and communicate knowledge, data and information

3. Prioritise investment in digital infrastructure as a critical public service

4. Reimagine urban spaces to support sustainable business, commerce and lifestyles

5. Create a more agile, responsive education and training system

6. Strengthen and expand community-led social infrastructure

7. Use social purpose to help drive a solid strategy for recovery across the economy and society



# 5 CLEAR principles of a policy framework

