**Additional File 9: Rt estimates**

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***Figure S8: Time varying estimate of Rt taken from EpiForecast team : median estimated using hospitalised cases* (1) *with upper and lower bounds of the 50% credible intervals.***

Uncertainty in the simulations was generated by taking the mean and 95% ranges for onward transmission infections and case numbers are presented as over the 600 simulations generated from 200 simulations on each *R* value (estimate, upper and lower bound).

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