

# Stockholm public healthcare system emergency response to SARS COV2 & winter preparations



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# This session

Format:

Write your questions;

George puts questions & conversation

1) Winter preparations

2) Summarise our rapid impact research

- into emergency management & organisation

3) Resources – more details

# Background

- John 50% Karolinska medical university & 50% R&D Stockholm healthcare SLSO
- FOCUS: Stockholm healthcare: primary & community healthcare & interdependencies
  - Integrated public finance and service delivery system 2.3m
  - 110 public service delivery units (60 PHC)
  - 65% PHC is private, social care 26 municipalities
  - Municipalities contract care homes for older people

# Covid winter 2020/21 Preparations

*“Make it to May 2021”*

EXPECT – Demand Oct-Dec 20 ; Jan-June 21

1) Resurge (any time – data hard and soft)

2) Rehabilitation (long covid – special coordination)

3) Upsurge

4) Staff

- Sustain for long haul
- Flexible working and roles HR & training
- Labour market – upskill with computer assisted decision making & devices (O2S)

# Response – management

**Match** supply to demand: daily, weekly, monthly

*How?*

1) Organise for decision making and implementation

a) Authority: individuals and groups

Make decision, required to consult, Accountable – report

b) Architecture: structure of groups reporting delegation

For matching daily, weekly, monthly

c) Data to inform decision making – systems

# Emergency Structure

Emergency management group 1mar 2

Operations management (normal)<sub>1</sub>

Local "kluster" Group **Private Hc** + **Municipality**  
social care

# Response – organisation

## 1) Organise for interdependence

- PHC & Community avoided hospital overload
- Social support services contributed
- Coordination & “fair shares” agreements
- Kluster organisation
  - 1)Emergency > 2)align incentives - budget and priorities – time and processes to work-through (integrated care experience)

## 2) Maximise digital (investment resources)

Management & Clinician Use of data for decisions

Citizens and patients – information for challenged

Virtual services and automation



# Response – services & clinical

## 2) Test, trace and support isolation

Don't, unless:

- a) PCR Test results to person and tracer 1hr-2 days
- b) Existing public health capacity – staff and skills
- c) Supplement with carefully selected and trained *local* workforce
- d) Ensure support package for 10-14 days

But testing services also test vaccination  
delivery

### 3) Basics practical Response – services & clinical

a) WMD : our best vaccine

b) Relentless communication

Behaviour Modelled by respected people

*My mask protects you, please protect others*

Vaccination *(not properly tested)*

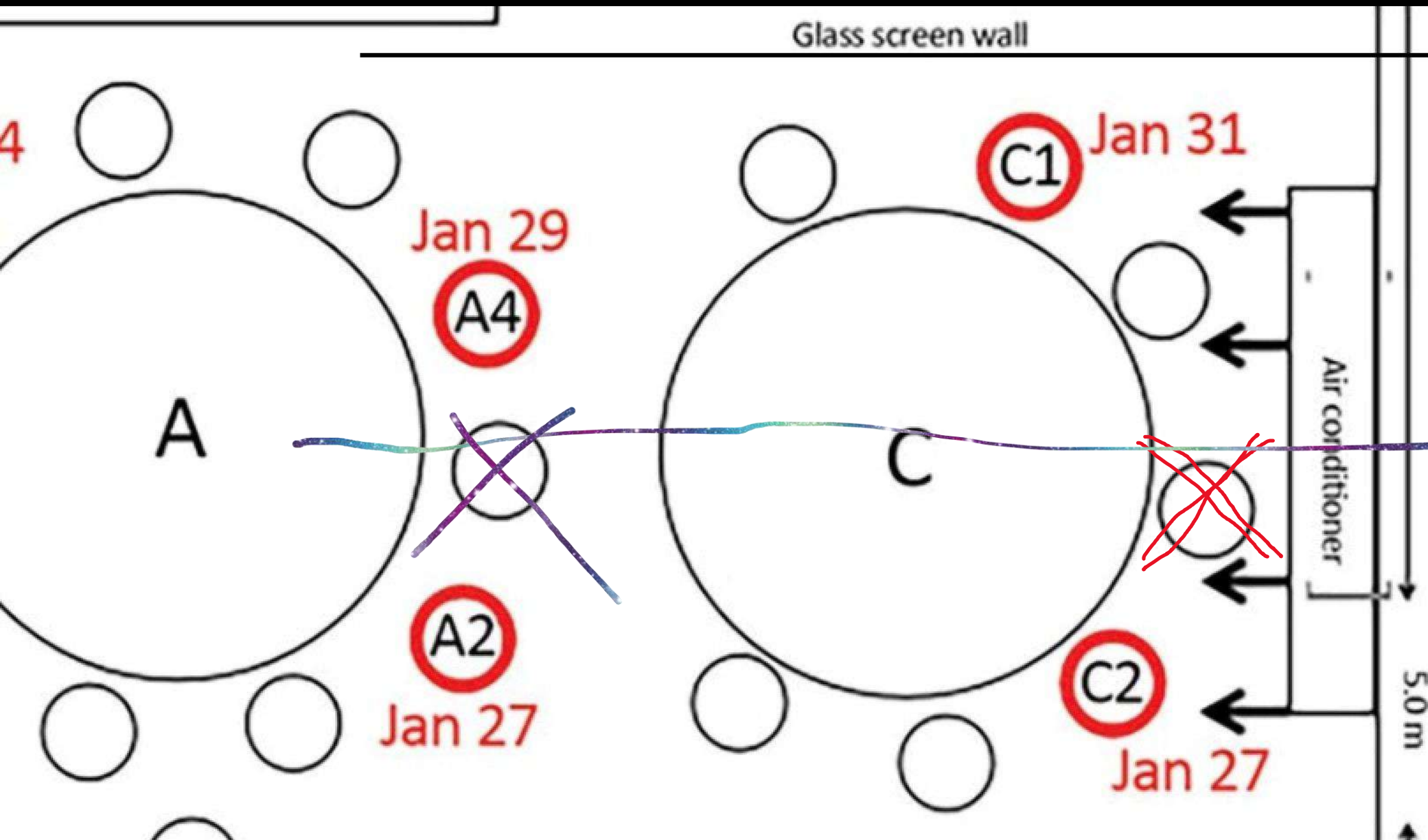
c) Winter ventilation (covid safety visiting team)

Maximum transmission: over 15 mins in elevator asymptomatic

15 air volume changes/hr Air flow & modern filtration (787)<sup>1</sup>

Buy heaters for window sills – flow direction away

# 3) Basics practical Response – services & clinical



# 4)Vaccine update

Possibly before Xmas

First Release for priority recipients

Civilian wide availability

February-May 2020

140 types in testing - 5 front runners

- Adenovirus (UK) Moderna (mRNA)

Prepare delivery logistics, incentives and communication

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# Winter Preparations

- See resources: UK & Sweden scenarios
- & LTC homes practical guides

Questions now ?

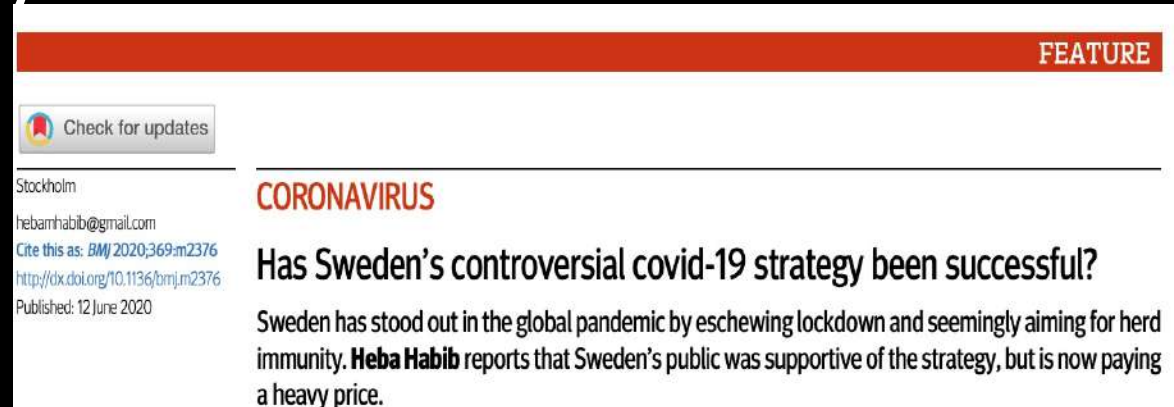
Part 2: lessons from emergency phase  
rapid research

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# Our research: What is context?

- Public health agency Sweden
- +50, over 11



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## Coronavirus tracked: Charting Sweden's disastrous no-lockdown strategy

Sweden's decision to shun strict Covid-19 containment measures may have kept businesses open, but at what cost?

**Anthony Cuthbertson** | @ADCuthbertson |  
| 221 comments



**Sweden** has taken the ignominious title of the country with the world's highest death rate from Covid-19.

The title, which was **briefly held by the UK late last month**, comes after Swedish officials decided to ignore the lockdown advice of countless health experts and kept the country largely open during the pandemic.

The number of deaths per capita in Sweden is now more than four-times that of its Nordic neighbours.

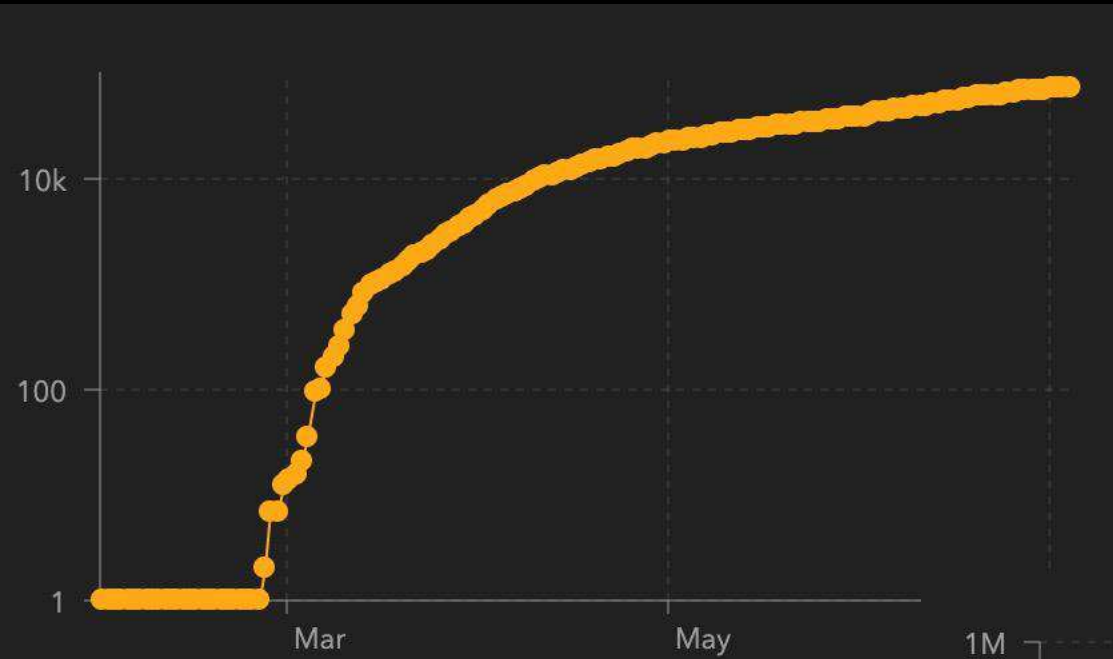
**THE STORM JUST HIT AND WE WENT FROM DONATING TO THE FOOD BANK TO NEEDING IT.**

**Donna, Louisiana**

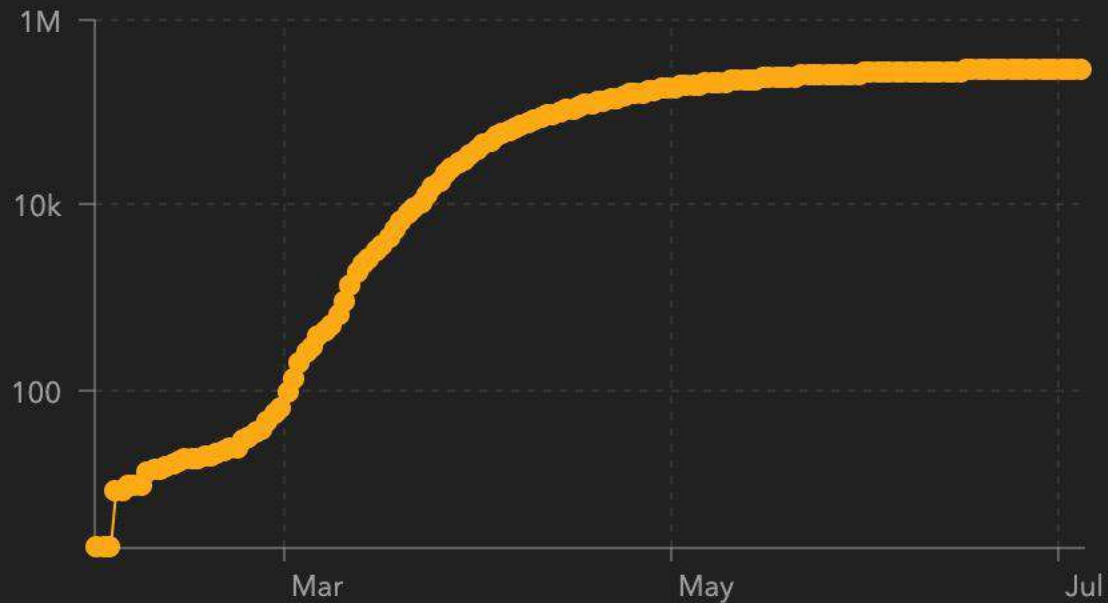
# The story



# 5 July 20 JH site 5,420 & 44,283 deaths



Confirmed  Logarithmic  Daily Cases



Confirmed  Logarithmic  Daily Cases

# 31 January SARS COV-2



11 march Covid 19 death  
WHO pandemic

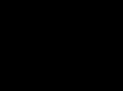
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# Rapid impact research

- Relevance to decision makers
- Limited resources

15<sup>th</sup> March Started (fast tracked ethics)



# Data collected



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# What are outcomes of implementation?

## Example 1: PPE & supplies

- Purchasing and logistics unit Scania
- Other methods to enable implementation:

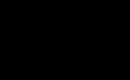
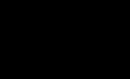


- Sara Lindholm
  - <https://www.yk&feature=em>



# One challenge

- Data for management decisions
  - part of implementation
- Resolution: Combine data bases
- Prediction model
  - modified with our data

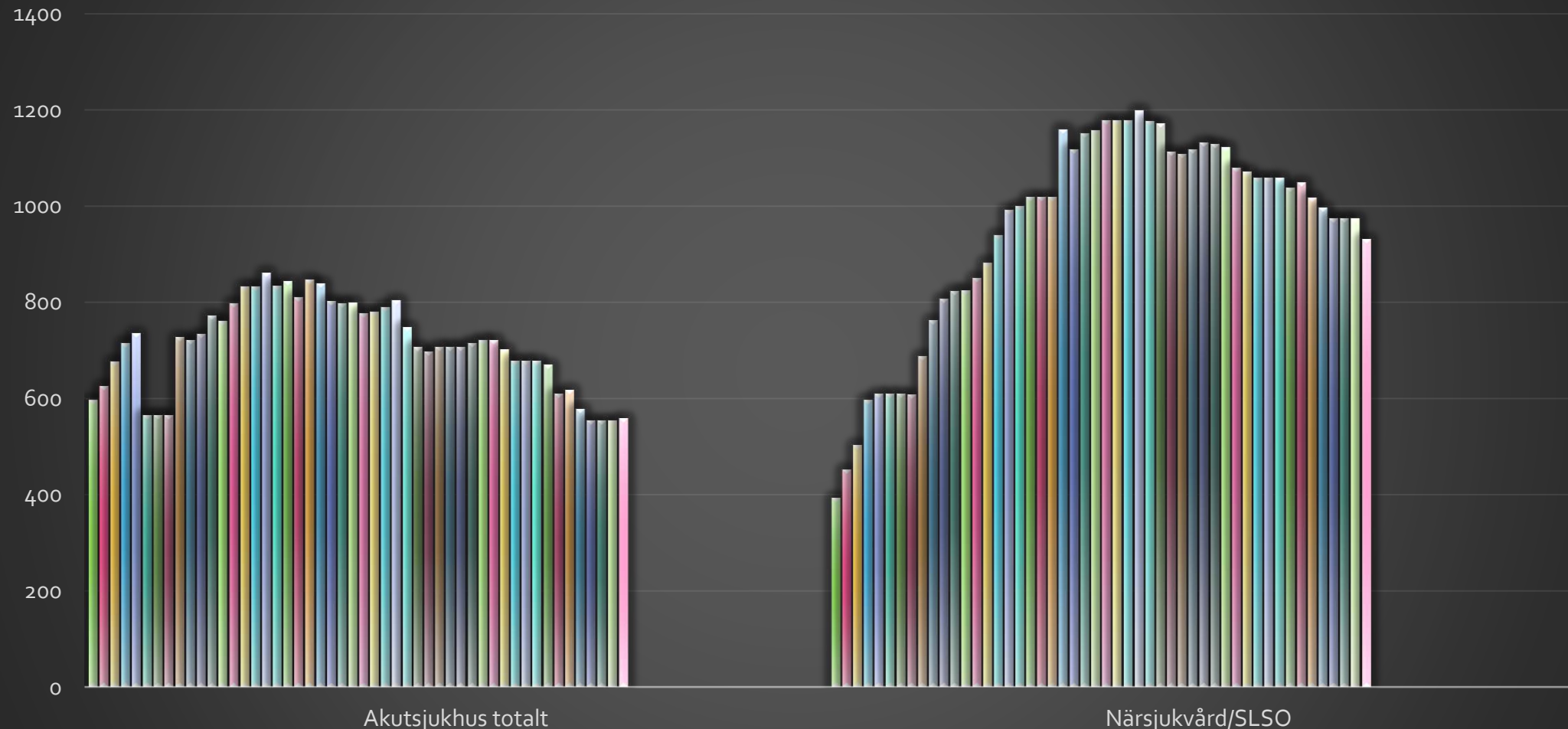


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# Tested & Treated 1) Hospital ED 2) PHC acute care

Vård på akutsjh och inom närsjukvård



Akutsjukhus totalt

Närsjukvård/SLSO

- 30.3 31.3 1.4 2.4 3.4 4.4 5.4 6.4 7.4 8.4 9.4 10.4 11.4 12.4 13.4 14.4 15.4
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# Mortality Covid 19 Older Residential municipality (different data sources) Light blue , Red

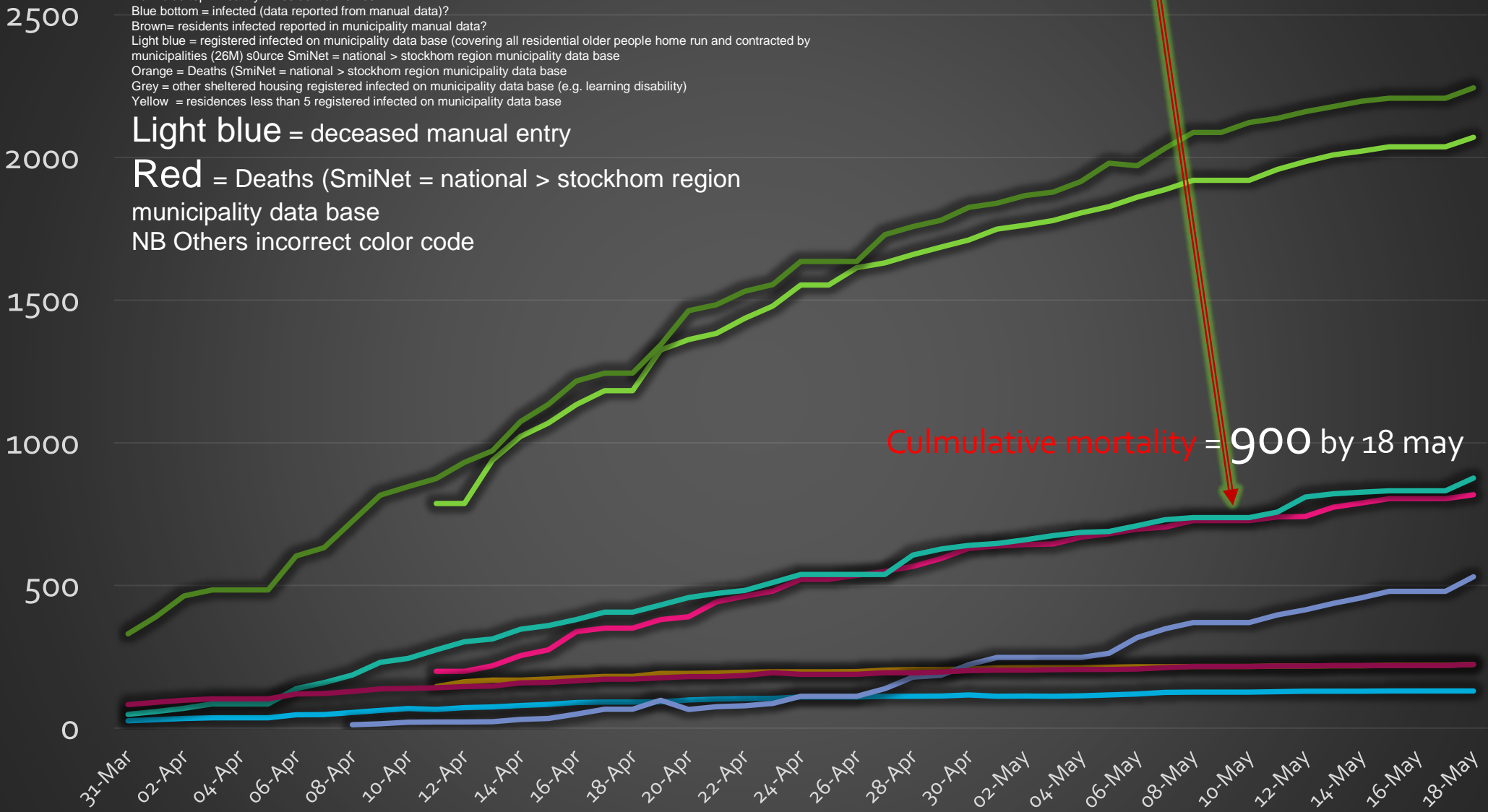
Dark blue top = healthy in residential homes  
 Blue bottom = infected (data reported from manual data)?  
 Brown= residents infected reported in municipality manual data?  
 Light blue = registered infected on municipality data base (covering all residential older people home run and contracted by municipalities (26M) source SmiNet = national > stockholm region municipality data base  
 Orange = Deaths (SmiNet = national > stockholm region municipality data base  
 Grey = other sheltered housing registered infected on municipality data base (e.g. learning disability)  
 Yellow = residences less than 5 registered infected on municipality data base

Light blue = deceased manual entry

Red = Deaths (SmiNet = national > stockholm region

municipality data base

NB Others incorrect color code



Cumulative mortality = 900 by 18 may

- Smittade enl SmiNet
- Avlidna SmiNet
- Boenden m smitta SmiNet
- >5 smittade
- Friska
- Avlidna manuell inrapp
- Smittade manuell inrapp
- Boenden m smitta manuell

# Rapid Implementation Research

- Presented data and projections
- Informed decisions
- Use data later for evaluation

Helped quick access

- a) Partnership,
- b) Trust,
- c) Value to services

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# lessons

- Three “emergent responses “with different organisation and systems
  - corresponding to three timescales of illness demand:
  - emergency, resurgence, and upsurge of chronic mental and physical health.
  - Responses need to be managed separately to, but coordinated with, existing routine service operations.
- In dynamic situations the most effective type of response is an emergent data-driven iterative adaptive response.

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# lessons

- Private long term care residential services:
  - everyone's' problem but not ones' responsibility?
- Systems understanding of interdependencies
- Matching demand to supply in an evolving crisis
- Data and rapid research

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# Questions

- Surprises?
- Say more about...
- Our experience different/similar

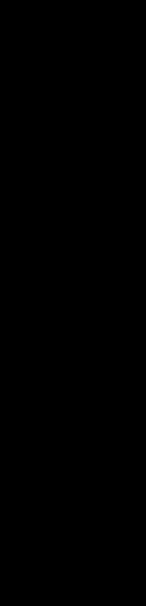
# Reflections

- Different responses London/Stockholm – benefits harms and lessons?
- London lock down vs Stockholm none
- Stockholm response: hard and early in healthcare not in public health
- London hard and late in public health & variable in healthcare
- London – fragmented health system vs more integrated Stockholm
- Similar death rate/population

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# Resources

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# Winter preparations

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- “Scenarios: Three contagion scenarios within the government assignment "Plan for possible new outbreaks of covid-19", Folkhälsomyndigheten, Stockholm.,  
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# Nursing homes/LTC

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- Eldercare Workforce Alliance:  
[www.eldercareworkforce.org](http://www.eldercareworkforce.org)
- NAHCA: [www.nahcacna.org](http://www.nahcacna.org)
- PHI: [www.phinational.org](http://www.phinational.org) ;
- IHI:
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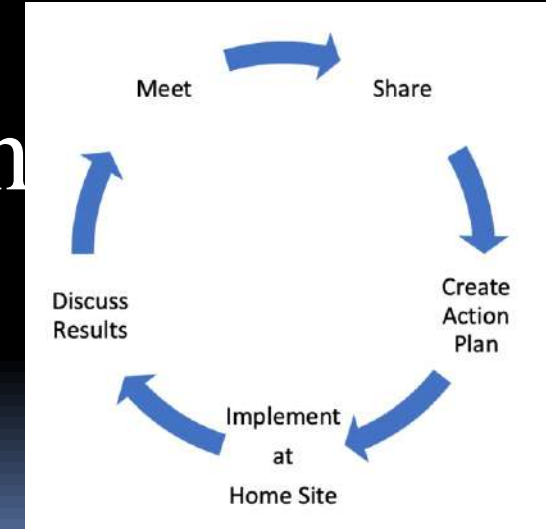
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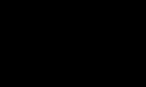
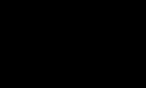
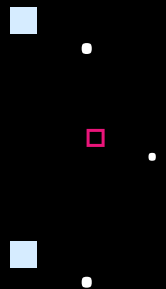
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# Value of Rapid Learning Experimental Cycle (RLEC)

- **define** problem
- decide **data** indicating problem solved
- **design** and implement solution
- review data and **revise** solution
- **repeat** as situation changes





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