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This paper addresses the 2 social distancing measures which were seen as most important to the UK response to the COVID-19 outbreak at the time:

- general social distancing by everyone
- shielding for vulnerable people for at least 12 weeks

It provides advice on how best to implement these measures and enable adherence.

The paper was discussed at SAGE meeting 18 on 23 March 2020.

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