**Meeting:** National Crisis Management Team. Meeting #111 COVID-19.

**Date:** Tuesday18th January 2022 @ 09:00 hrs.

**Members:** Paul Reid, CEO; Anne O’Connor, COO; Stephen Mulvany, CFO; Dean Sullivan, CSPO; Dr Colm Henry, CCO; Anne Marie Hoey, ND HR; Damien McCallion, ND COVID Vaccination & Test & Tracing Lead; John Swords, ND Head of Procurement; Liam Woods ND Acute Hospitals; Joe Ryan, ND Operational Performance and Integration; Dr Martin Cormican, National Lead on Infection Control; Ray Mitchell, Parliamentary Affairs; Sean Bresnan, SRO Vaccine Supply Chain & Logistics; Yvonne O’Neill, Community Operations; Tom McGuinness, AND Emergency Management; Dr Máirín Boland, National Clinical Lead, Health Threats Emergency Preparedness Programme; Dr Siobhán Ní Bhriain, National Lead Integrated Care; Dr Lorraine Doherty, CL HPSC; Robert Morton, Director NAS; Patrick Lynch, ND Governance and Risk; Geraldine Smith, Internal Audit; Fran Thompson CIO; Mark Brennock, ND Communications.

**In Attendance:** Cahir O’Byrne, National Office for Emergency Management, Tara Rowe, National Office for Emergency Management.

**Apologies:**  David Leach, AND Communications; John Kelly, Head of Corporate Affairs.

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| **1. INTRODUCTION** |
|  | The CEO opened NCMT **#111.** |  | Paul Reid |
| **2.** **PREVIOUS MINUTES** |
|  | Minutes of NCMT #110 approved. |  | Cahir O’Byrne |
| **3. NPHET ACTION LOG** |
|  | Update deferred. |  | Tom McGuinness |
| **4. NCMT ACTION LOG** |
|  | Update deferred. |  | Tom McGuinness |
| **5. PUBLIC HEALTH UPDATE**  |
|  | **JC**: Summary of the last 14-day period (up to 160122). **Case numbers** – 278,346 representing a 39% increase from 200,542 cases in the preceding 14-day period.Positive antigens are being recorded on the portal since 140122.5 day moving average: 16,404 compared to 19,750, a 17% decrease.**National incidence** –5,845 per 100k representing a 39% increase from 4,211 in the preceding 14-day period.**Outbreaks - Week 2\***\*Provisional data may change, subject to validation. 198 new outbreaks in the last week.57 in nursing homes. 4 in community hospitals/long-stay unit.65 in residential care facilities.14 in other healthcare services.33 in acute hospitals.25 in vulnerable populations.1 in workplace. 3 in schools.0 in childcare facilities. There has been an increase in the number of outbreaks in nursing homes and hospitals. The number of cases per outbreak range from 0 to 47. The majority of cases resulted in mild illness.There are 97 patients in ICU and 979 Covid patients in hospitals.Booster vaccines administered – 2.56m.Additional dose vaccine administered – 2.45m.Immunocompromised dose vaccine administered – 105k.**MC:** There were 207 hospital acquired cases, majority showing mild illness. There were 2,266 Acute hospital staff cases (the highest number to date). |  | Dr John CuddihyDr Martin Cormican |
| **6. COMMUNITY OPERATIONS**  |
|  | **YO’N:** The number of outbreaks remains very high with 33% of older person’s units being affected. This may impact transfer of care.The serial testing programme is reporting positivity rates of 5.6%.Staff Covid related absenteeism has halved in the last week. Older persons have seen a decrease, from 2k to 1k in staff absenteeism in one week. |  | Yvonne O’Neill |
| **7. ACUTE OPERATIONS** |
|  | **LW:** There are 97 patients in ICU. There are 979 Covid patients in hospital (compared to >1000 last week).Staff absence has reduced from 12% to under 7% in the last 7 day period.**AO’C:** Sites are stabilising but remain under considerable pressure. **RM:** There has been a decrease in staff absenteeism from 12% to 7%. Demand is up 8% compared to November - expected for January. The surge plan has been de-escalated from level 3 to level 2. |  | Liam WoodsAnne O’ConnorRobert Morton |
| **8. TESTING & TRACING** |
|  | **DMcC**: **Testing:** PCR Testing reduced from 43k to 17k per day, (based on previous 7 day period).Positive cases reduced from 22k to 6k.Positive antigens are at 5-6k per day. Positivity rates have dropped from 51% to 35%.**Referrals:** Community referrals have dropped by 35% over the previous 7 day period. GP referrals have dropped by 54%. **Vaccinations:** 2.56m booster vaccinations administered to date. Seeing a plateau in numbers presenting for boosters within the 20s, 30s and 40s age cohort.  |  | Damien McCallion |
| **9. AOB** |
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| **NEXT MEETING** |
|  | **NCMT Covid 19 #112 Tuesday, 1st February 2022 @ 09.00hrs.** |  |  |