**Meeting:** National Crisis Management Team. Meeting #114 COVID-19.

**Date:** Tuesday 1st March 2022 @ 09:00 hrs.

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

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| **1. INTRODUCTION** | | | |
|  | The CEO opened NCMT **#114.**  **NCMT** – CEO indicated that the next NCMT meeting #115 could be the final meeting of the COVID-19 NCMT group.  The situation will continue to be monitored and Covid-19 related business incorporated into EMT meetings.  **Cabinet Committee meeting update** – HSE delivered a presentation on:   * Future pandemic capacities and capabilities, acknowledging that the HSE remains in a response mode. * Review and restructuring of public health function. * Review of the Test, Trace and Vaccination function.  1. Current capacities and demand for Test, Trace and Vaccination. 2. Transition phase, as capacities are scaled back. 3. Proposals as to the medium term strategic sustainable model. 4. Options to plan and maintain a capacity to respond to emerging threats.   HSE to present final recommendations to the Cabinet Sub Committee by the end of March. |  | Paul Reid |
| **2.** **PREVIOUS MINUTES** | | | |
|  | Minutes of NCMT #113 approved. |  | Cahir O’Byrne |
| **3. NPHET ACTION LOG** | | | |
|  | Update deferred. |  | Tom McGuinness |
| **4. NCMT ACTION LOG** | | | |
|  | Update deferred. |  | Tom McGuinness |
| **5. PUBLIC HEALTH UPDATE** | | | |
|  | **MB**: Summary of the last 14-day period (up to 27/02/22).  **Case numbers** – 54,742 representing a decrease from 73,934 cases in the preceding 14-day period.  5-day moving average: 3,268 compared to 5,539 in the previous 14-day period.  **National incidence** – 1,150 per 100k compared to 1,553 in the preceding 14-day period.  **Outbreaks - Week 8 \***  \*Provisional data may change, subject to validation.  98 new outbreaks in the last week.  30 in nursing homes.  5 in community hospitals/long-stay unit.  29 in residential care facilities.  7 in other healthcare services.  12 in acute hospitals.  10 in vulnerable populations.  1 in workplace.  2 in schools.  1 in childcare facilities.  There were 2,277 newly confirmed cases notified to CIDR on 27/02/2022.  There were 3,642 self-reported antigen test results uploaded to the HSE antigen portal on 27/02/2022.  Public health regions are reporting reduced rates of morbidity and mortality compared to previous waves. |  | Dr Máirín Boland |
| **6. COMMUNITY OPERATIONS** | | | |
|  | **JPN:** 11 nursing homes are being supported at present.  **AO’C:** Noted higher positivity rates from the last round of serial testing within Long Term Residential Care. |  | JP Nolan  Anne O’Connor |
| **7. ACUTE OPERATIONS** | | | |
|  | **LW:** Noted that hospitalcase numbers are not reducing and have plateaued at approximately 600.  New laboratory confirmed cases in staff are at 1,000 per week. Currently, there are approximately 2,000 hospital staff on Covid related leave.  ICU numbers have reduced to 46.  **MC:** Continuing to see HAI cases. |  | Liam Woods  Dr Martin Cormican |
| **8. TESTING & TRACING** | | | |
|  | **DMcC**: Referrals from both Community and GPs have reduced.  Serial testing in nursing homes will continue as requested by the CMO. |  | Damien McCallion |
| **9. AOB** | | | |
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| **NEXT MEETING** | | | |
|  | **NCMT Covid 19 #115 Tuesday, 15th March 2022 @ 09.00hrs.** |  |  |