HSE Board Briefing

Subject: Summary of the HSE planning and service delivery response for people fleeing from Ukraine seeking refuge in Ireland

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Why is this information being brought to the Boards attention?

An update on the Health service response to support people fleeing Ukraine was requested by the HSE's Ukrainian Humanitarian Oversight Group, chaired by the CEO

Is there an action by the Board required, if so please provide detail?

The enclosed report is for noting at this time.

Brief summary of link to Board objectives

▪ The development and implementing of an effective Corporate Governance Framework, incorporating clinical governance and a performance management and accountability system;

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▪ Developing a plan for building public trust and confidence in the HSE and the wider health service;

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▪ Ensuring the HSE's full support for and implementation of the Government's programme of health reform as set out in the Sláintecare Implementation Strategy;

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▪ Exercising effective budgetary management, including improving the value achieved with existing resources and securing target saving, with the objective of delivering the National Service Plan within Budget.

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Background

This paper provides a summary of the HSE planning and service delivery response for people fleeing from Ukraine seeking refuge in Ireland.

==As of the 21st April 24,896 people from Ukraine have entered Ireland. 16,539 of those have sought emergency accommodation in IPAS.==

The enclosed paper provides an update on the governance structures and arrangements in place in the HSE, in addition to cross-sectoral, interagency governance arrangements in place at national level and at regional level to provide a response for these people. The enclosed paper provides a summary of the current situation regarding volumes of people arriving and what we know about where people are being accommodated. The paper summarises briefly key issues arising and then provides a snapshot of the current operational response. The paper then gives a brief description of active areas of work being undertaken under each workstream as part of the work of the National Planning and Coordination group. It also includes an update from the HSE Global Health and Procurement Group, as led by Dr. David Weakliam and their work to date to support the overall HSE response.

Highlight any implications that the Board should be made aware of in its consideration

Work is ongoing to try to resolve a number of issues arising as part of the planning and coordination of the HSE's response to incoming arrivals from Ukraine. These issues require cross governmental response and inputs to resolve. Some examples of current issues are set out below;

- Further clarification re Lead Agency nationally for the response – this is impacting on the HSE's response at a local level in CHOs etc.
- Putting a Person in Charge at each accommodation setting to help address potential risks re safe guarding and infection prevention and control etc.
- Requirement for enhanced data flows to support HSE response – e.g. locations of people being accommodated; health needs being identified etc.

These issues are being dealt with through the DoH who are engaging cross governmentally as required to address issues where possible. These issues are also being raised at the weekly Senior Official Group (SOG) meetings on this Humanitarian response.

The enclosed paper provides further information in relation to the risks identified to date and associated mitigations in appendix two. Please note this is a work in progress and under active review.

Conclusion

The HSE is endeavouring to respond in a planned and coordinated manner to the needs of people fleeing Ukraine and arriving into Ireland. This is part of a much wider cross governmental response and the HSE requires ongoing support and inputs from other government agencies etc. to ensure that we can respond effectively and as appropriate.

Recommendation

N/A