

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

Date: Wednesday 25th March 2020 @ 08:30am – 09:30am.

Attendance:

Member - Paul Reid, CEO HSE; Ann O'Connor, COO; Colm Henry, CCO; Dean Sullivan CSPO; Steven Mulvany CFO; Paul Connors, ND National Communications, Sean Bresnan, ND Procurement; Annemarie Hoey, ND Human Resources; Martin Dunne, Director National Ambulance Service; Tom McGuinness, AND National Emergency Management: Liam Woods ND Acute Operations; David Walsh, ND Community Operations; Geraldine Smith, ND Internal Audit; John Kelly, Head of Corporate Affairs.

Subject Matter Experts –Dr Kevin Kelleher, AND Public Health; Annemarie Part, AND Environmental Health; Ciaran Browne, Acute Operations.

In Attendance - Dr Trish Markham, National Emergency Management; Cahir O'Byrne National Emergency Management; Amanda Prior, National Emergency Management; Ray Mitchell, Parliamentary Affairs; Deirdre McNamara.

Topic	Discussion	Action	Owner
1.			
<u>INTRODUCTION:</u>	The Chief Operations Officer, Ann O'Connor opened the 19 th Meeting of the NCMT.		
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<u>MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING:</u>	Minutes from NCMT #18 held on the 20 th March were approved.		
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<u>NPHET ACTION LOG:</u>	The CEO requested action updates from NPHET Action Log be updated at NCMT #20.	The action list will be updated as necessary to reflect actions remaining open/closed off on running action log.	HSE National Emergency Management – Cahir O'Byrne

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<p><u>NATIONAL INTEGRATED OPERATIONS HUB:</u></p>	<p>An update was provided by the Chief Operations Officer, Ann O’Connor, including a brief overview of the key enabling workstreams developed through the operations hub.</p> <p><u>Community Operations:</u> Planning for the use of City West as an isolation and step-down facility is advanced. A legal agreement is due to be signed subject to DoH financial approval.</p> <p>The current priority is establishing Medical Assessment Hubs (MAU). 40 locations have been agreed. 9 hubs will be developed initially followed by an extra 31 sites. A standard model for each hub is currently being finalised.</p> <p>The priority is dealing with case clusters of COVID-19 occurring in private nursing homes. It is essential that these nursing homes are supported to ensure that patients get the required care to remove the necessity to transfer them to the acute hospital system. This is</p>	<p>CEO requested discussion with Acute Operations, Community Operations, Chief Clinical officer and National Communications regarding HSE position.</p> <p>Priority is delivery of one MAU per CHO asap and then grow from there.</p>	<p>HSE CEO – Paul Reid HSE Community Operations – David Walsh HSE Chief Clinical officer – Dr Colm Henry</p> <p>HSE National Communications – Dr Paul Connors.</p>

	<p>currently being addressed through a number of supports provided to facilities by the HSE. There will be a significant financial cost to the HSE to maintain this support but it will reduce an influx of patients into the acute system with resultant pressures on the scarce resources.</p> <p><u>Acute Operations:</u> Discussion is ongoing regarding the framework for private hospital usage by the HSE. It has been agreed that the private hospitals will effectively become a Section 38 agency for the duration of the pandemic and will operate as public hospitals.</p> <p>Acute Operations are currently focusing on scaling up ICU capacity across all sites.</p> <p>The delivery of a large mass fatality tent, to be erected in Dublin, is due to arrive next week and it was suggested communications is reviewed in light of this.</p> <p><u>Clinical:</u> An update was provided by the Chief Clinical Officer, Dr Colm Henry regarding the change in case</p>	<p>CEO directed that there be a comprehensive communications plan prepared around the</p>	<p>HSE Communications HSE Chief Clinical Officer</p>
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	<p>definition and criteria of testing and the impact on testing regime.</p> <p>The model of care is currently being finalised.</p> <p>KK noted that 70% of cases are in Dublin with a corresponding % in Dublin ICUs.</p> <p><u>Procurement:</u> The HSE has secured supplies from China the first consignment of which is due to arrive on Sunday 29th March 2020. There will be a series of air freight flights on subsequent days.</p> <p><u>Human Resources:</u> Interviews have commenced and will be ongoing. A process will be developed in relation to the deployment of staff across the service.</p> <p><u>Delivery Workstreams:</u> Telecare/Telemedicine workstream is progressing. There are 8 workstreams falling under this</p>	<p>Community Care Model and also the new Covid-19 testing arrangements and case definition. The CEO requested the CCO to copy the letter from IMO and ICGP regarding GP concerns.</p> <p>Following initial resupply, procurement have a specific logistics team in place to ensure on-going supply to sites based on data received indication patient activity.</p>	<p>HSE Chief Clinical Officer</p> <p>HSE Procurement.</p>
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	<p>heading with Maurice Farnan taking the lead.</p> <p><u>Emergency Management:</u> Two naval vessels have been deployed in Dublin and Galway as testing facilities. Army personnel have been trained to swab test and will begin testing in due course.</p> <p>There will be no naval vessel deployed in Cork, however, extra testing facilities will be made available through Defence Force assistance at Páirc Uí Chaoimh.</p>		
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<u>NEXT MEETINGS</u>	<p>The next meeting of the NCMT will be as follows:</p> <p>NCMT # 20 27th March at 08:45am.</p>		HSE National Emergency Management – Cahir O’Byrne