

Meeting: National Crisis Management Team Meeting. **Meeting #22, COVID-19.**

Date: Thursday 9th April 2020 @ 09:00am.

Attendance:

Member - Paul Reid, CEO HSE; Ann O'Connor, COO; Colm Henry, CCO; Dean Sullivan, CSPO; Steven Mulvaney, CFO; Paul Connors, ND National Communications, Sean Bresnan, ND Procurement; 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; Fran Thompson, CIO; Stephanie O'Keefe, ND Strategic Planning and Transformation; Joe Ryan, ND National Services; Patrick Lynch, ND QAV; Anne Marie Hoey, ND Human Resources; Niamh O'Beirne, HSE EMT.

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; Dr Ronan Glynn, Department of Health.

Apologies:

Topic	Discussion	Action	Owner
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<p><u>INTRODUCTION:</u></p>	<p>The CEO Mr Paul Reid, opened the 22nd meeting of the NCMT.</p> <p>The CEO expressed thanks and appreciation to all NCMT members and subsequent teams on behalf of the HSE Board.</p> <p>The CEO also echoed the same message from the Taoiseach for all the hard work by the HSE to date.</p> <p>The CEO introduced and welcomed Niamh O’Beirne, EY, to the NCMT. Niamh will join the EMT reporting to the CEO. Her initial focus will be on the testing and contact tracing process.</p>	<p>All to extend message of thanks to teams.</p> <p>Testing and Tracing Objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a.) Align all elements of the process; testing, labs, contact tracing, related supply chain b.) Scale up the effort on testing and tracing over the next three weeks. c.) Move to a new and different operational model for future use. 	HSE NCMT
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<p><u>MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING:</u></p>	<p>Minutes from NCMT #21 held on the 6th April were approved.</p>		

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<u>NPHET ACTION LOG:</u>	The CEO requested an update on NPHET actions to be held over until NCMT #23 on Monday.	The action list will be updated as necessary to reflect actions remaining open/closed off on running action log.	HSE National Emergency Management – Tom McGuinness
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<u>NATIONAL INTEGRATED OPERATIONS HUB:</u>	<p>An update was provided by the Chief Operations Officer, Ann O’Connor. Current areas of concern for the INOH are nursing homes and acute capacity.</p> <p><u>Community Operations:</u> An update was provided by COO, Ann O’Connor and ND Community Operations, David Walsh. There are currently 240 long term care facilities (LTCFs) experiencing serious operational challenges. In order to address these significant demands on the HSE, Community Operations require support in 3 key areas:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Staffing resources are required from HG/CHO areas to support LTCFs from today. 2. Insurance issues surrounding the use of Section 39’s by CHO areas needs to be resolved 	<p>Update to be provided at next meeting.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Discussion to take place today regarding staff redeployment to support nursing homes. 2. Discussion to take place today regarding Section 39 issues. 	<p>HSE Chief Operations Officer – Ann O’Connor</p> <p>HSE Community Operations – David Walsh HSE Acute Operations – Liam Woods HSE Chief Operations Officer – Ann O’Connor. HSE Quality Assurance Verification –</p>

	<p>3. Civil Defence assistance may be required to support community operations.</p> <p>Adult Clinical Hubs will begin going live from 10th April. An alternative process is being developed for children.</p> <p><u>Acute Operations:</u> An update was provided by ND Acute Operations, Liam Woods.</p> <p><u>Clinical Update:</u> An update was provided by the Chief Clinical Officer, Dr Colm Henry. There are huge challenges due to a number of outbreaks in nursing home facilities as already detailed by DW</p> <p>There are a number of reports in the public domain pertaining to ICU capacity. This highlights the need for public surge capacity response to be ready.</p>	<p>3. Discussion to take place regarding use of Civil Defence to support HSE. Consideration of use of private ambulance providers.</p> <p>Acute Operations to circulate summary document regarding surge process and totality at national level signed off by CCO and COO.</p> <p>Chief Clinical Officer to establish ICU capacity group to assess capacity daily.</p>	<p>Patrick Lynch HSE Community Operations – David Walsh HSE Emergency Management – Tom McGuinness HSE Community Operations – David Walsh.</p> <p>Acute Operations – Liam Woods Chief Clinical Officer – Colm Henry Chief Operations Officer – Ann O’Connor</p> <p>HSE National Communications – Paul Connors HSE Chief Clinical officer – Dr Colm Henry</p>
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	<p><u>Testing & tracing Update:</u> An update was provided by Niamh O’Beirne.</p> <p><u>Communications Update:</u> An update was provided by the ND Communications, Dr Paul Connors.</p> <p>The model of care has been agreed and should be disseminated and published.</p> <p>It was agreed that in future the SDU report will be published, this will facilitate greater transparency. The first publication will be 8am 10/04/2020.</p>	<p>ICU Capacity to feature as agenda item going forward.</p> <p>Testing and tracing to feature as agenda item. Input in terms of critical data will be required from a number of key areas.</p> <p>Dissemination of model of care to the public to be agreed.</p> <p>Slides to be reviewed prior to publication.</p>	<p>HSE Chief Operations Officer – Ann O’Connor HSE Emergency Management – Amanda Prior</p> <p>HSE Emergency Management – Amanda Prior TBC</p> <p>National Communications – Paul Connors</p> <p>HSE CEO – Paul Reid HSE - National Services – Joe Ryan HSE Communications – Paul Connors</p>
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<u>NEXT MEETINGS</u>	<p>The next meeting of the NCMT will be as follows: NCMT #23 Monday 13th April 2020 @ 09:00am</p>		<p>HSE National Emergency Management – Cahir O’Byrne</p>