

Meeting: National Crisis Management Team Meeting. **Meeting #23, COVID-19.**

Date: Tuesday 14th 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; Anne Marie Hoey, ND Human Resources.

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; Denise Long, HSE Emergency Management.

Apologies: Niamh O'Beirne, HSE EMT; Patrick Lynch, ND QAV.

Topic	Discussion	Action	Owner
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<u>INTRODUCTION:</u>	The CEO, Mr Paul Reid, opened the 23rd meeting of the NCMT.		
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<u>MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING:</u>	Minutes from NCMT #22 held on the 9 th April were approved.		
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<u>NPHET ACTION LOG:</u>	The CEO requested an update on NPHET actions.	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>NCMT ACTION LOG:</u>	The CEO requested an update on NCMT Actions to be included for each meeting.	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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<p><u>NATIONAL INTEGRATED OPERATIONS HUB:</u></p>	<p>An update was provided by the Chief Operations Officer, Ann O'Connor. Nursing homes remain the focus of the INOH.</p> <p><u>Community Operations:</u> An update was provided by CCO, Ann O'Connor and ND Community Operations, David Walsh. Long Term Care Facilities (LTCF) are experiencing severe challenges with high levels of infection and reducing staff resources.</p> <p>Defence Force troops are currently being trained to assist in up [REDACTED] [REDACTED] but have not yet been deployed. NAS and [REDACTED] Hospital Group provided assistance to a nursing home in [REDACTED] over the weekend.</p> <p>DW noted an urgent need to capture what staffing is available across all services in each ACMT impacted. The intention will be to have a team available on standby to intervene directly in an LTCF, if required.</p>	<p>Update to be provided at next meeting.</p> <p>COO DW LW to meet at 14:30 today, 14th April to review progress and decide on further actions to support ACMTs regarding issues with LTCFs.</p>	<p>HSE Chief Operations Officer – Ann O'Connor</p>

	<p><u>Procurement:</u> PPE deliveries into Ireland will resume 17/04/2020 with batch #2. Deliveries will initially be two flights for two days scaling to 5 air freight deliveries per day. IAG are trying to source two 747 cargo planes to increase the airfreight capacity and HSE also working with [REDACTED] [REDACTED] to have batch # 3 delivered earlier than planned.</p> <p>There is a particular supply issue with gowns. This was exacerbated when a shipment due for HSE was requisitioned in the UK by NHS.</p> <p>There are 200k – 210k gowns due in on flights over the coming days but demand remains very high.</p> <p>A test has been identified which can determine if a mask meets the respirator mask definition and its suitability for use in clinical environment. Masks delivered from China in a batch 1 have now been tested, have passed the test and are now available for distribution.</p> <p>Logistics teams have received a list of priority sites nationally in order</p>		
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	<p>to prioritise deliveries of critical PPE.</p> <p>A number of donations of PPE have been made to the HSE. Some larger donations have been sent to HSE distribution hub. This allows the HSE to test the donated PPE to ensure compliance and suitability for use prior to release to the system. Some donations have been made directly to care settings with no oversight from HSE procurement. This lack of visibility as to source, certification and efficacy of product can lead to risks if PPE is distributed within healthcare settings with no QA carried out.</p> <p>Donated ventilators are being QA checked by bio medical engineers prior to release to system.</p> <p>The Chief Clinical Officer, Dr Colm Henry, issued a letter to the system regarding use of PPE in the current climate.</p> <p><u>Acute Operations:</u> An update was provided by ND Acute Operations, Liam Woods. There is on-going training of some general nursing staff so that they</p>		
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	<p>can provide critical nursing care in a surge.</p> <p><u>Clinical Update:</u> An update was provided by the Chief Clinical Officer, Dr Colm Henry. The HSE remains to have capacity for demand. ICU admissions remain steady across the system with no surge indication at present.</p> <p><u>Testing & tracing Update:</u> Update to be provided at NCMT #24.</p> <p><u>Communications Update:</u> An update was provided by the ND Communications, Dr Paul Connors. There are 2 areas of focus at present: 1. [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED].</p>		
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<u>NEXT MEETINGS</u>	<p>The next meeting of the NCMT will be as follows:</p> <p>NCMT #24 Thursday 16th April 2020 @ 09:00am</p>		HSE National Emergency Management – Cahir O’Byrne