

**Meeting:** National Crisis Management Team Meeting. **Meeting #24, COVID-19.**

**Date:** Thursday 16th 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; Martin Dunne, Director National Ambulance Service; Tom McGuinness, AND National Emergency Management; 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; Niamh O'Beirne, HSE EMT; Patrick Lynch, ND QAV.

**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; Denise Long, HSE Emergency Management.

**Apologies:**

**Minutes:**

Topic	Discussion	Action	Owner
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<b><u>INTRODUCTION:</u></b>	<p>CEO, Mr Paul Reid, opened the 24th meeting of the NCMT.</p> <p>The CEO expressed his condolences for all whom have died from COVID-19, in particular two HSE healthcare workers from St Luke's Hospital in Kilkenny.</p>		
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<b><u>MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING:</u></b>	Minutes from NCMT #23 held on the 14 <sup>th</sup> April were approved.		
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<b><u>NPHET ACTION LOG:</u></b>	The CEO requested an update on NPHET actions be provided at NCMT #25.	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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<b><u>NCMT ACTION LOG:</u></b>	The CEO requested an update on NCMT Actions. The open and outstanding actions were reviewed.	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><b><u>NATIONAL INTEGRATED OPERATIONS HUB:</u></b></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></p> <p>An update was provided by CCO, Ann O'Connor and ND Community Operations, David Walsh.</p> <p>Long term care facilities (LTCF) remain the key focus at this time. Outbreak management teams have been established across all ACMTs to support response to affected LTCFs.</p> <p>A proactive response to testing is required at LTCF facilities. Both symptomatic and asymptomatic patients need to be tested as well as staff to give a better understanding as to the extent of infection. In addition, as part of an integrated outbreak PH response, those LTCF staff who are off work in self-isolation as they are close contacts of a confirmed case should be tested. This could allow for these</p>	<p>Update to be provided at next meeting.</p> <p>Chief Operations Officer/Chief Clinical officer have a meeting scheduled 16/04/2020 focusing on Testing Capability/Capacity and other LTCF issues. National Ambulance Service can assist if required.</p>	<p>HSE Chief Operations Officer – Ann O'Connor</p> <p>Chief Operations Officer – Anne O'Connor Chief Clinical Officer – Colm Henry National Ambulance Service – Martin Dunne</p>

	<p>staff to return to work sooner than the standard 14-day period of self-isolation.</p> <p>Community Operations have identified key areas in supporting nursing homes.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Identify supports between LTCFs and local Acute Facilities</li> <li>2. Provision of appropriate PPE</li> <li>3. Engagement with HIQA around standardised supports for LTCF.</li> </ol> <p><u>Acute Operations:</u> An update was provided by ND Acute Operations, Liam Woods. While there is increasing demand in Acutes &amp; ICU this has been less than initial modelling predicted.</p> <p><u>Testing &amp; tracing Update:</u> A meeting is scheduled to take place between NOB, COO, CCO to review the testing process end to end. Preparations are also underway to scale up community testing capacity in response to any change in case definition.</p> <p>KK suggested that consideration is given to staff within LTCFs carrying</p>	<p>Chief Clinical Officer to review in conjunction with Community Operations.</p> <p>Update to be provided at next NCMT.</p> <p>Update to be provided at next NCMT.</p>	<p>Chief Clinical Officer HSE Community Operations Acute Operations</p>
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	out their own testing as they are experienced in doing this during Flu Season.		
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<b><u>NEXT MEETINGS</u></b>	<p>The next meeting of the NCMT will be as follows:</p> <p><b>NCMT #25 Monday 20th April 2020 @ 09:00am</b></p>		HSE National Emergency Management – Amanda Prior