

Meeting: National Crisis Management Team Meeting. **Meeting #27, COVID-19.**

Date: Monday 27th April 2020 @ 09:00am.

Attendance:

Member - Paul Reid, CEO HSE; Ann O'Connor, COO; Colm Henry, CCO; Dean Sullivan CSPO; 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, EMT HSE; Patrick Lynch ND QAV; Stephen Mulvany, CFO.

Subject Matter Experts Dr Kevin Kelleher, AND Public Health; Ciaran Browne, Acute Operations; Dr Ronan Glynn DoH.

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; Deirdre McNamara, Office of CCC; Annmarie Part, Environmental Health.

Apologies

Topic	Discussion	Action	Owner
1.			
<u>INTRODUCTION:</u>	The CEO Mr Paul Reid, opened the 27th Meeting of the NCMT.		
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<u>MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING:</u>	Minutes from NCMT #26 held on the 23rd 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>NATIONAL INTEGRATED OPERATIONS HUB:</u>	<u>Community Operations:</u> An update was provided by COO, Anne O'Connor and ND Community Operations, David Walsh.	Update to be provided at next meeting.	Chief Operations Officer – Anne O'Connor Community Operations

	<p>Challenges remain in provision of increasing levels of HSE support to both public and private LTCFs. The high number of asymptomatic staff and patients testing positive for Covid 19 remains a key concern.</p> <p>The CCO referenced a study which examined nursing homes in Washington State. The results published in the New England Journal of Medicine showed high levels (30/40%) of asymptomatic patients testing positive for Covid-19.</p> <p>NPHET are also reviewing this emerging evidence.</p> <p><u>Acute Operations:</u> An update was provided by ND Acute Operations, Liam Woods.</p> <p>To date 150 private hospital consultants have signed HSE contracts. A minimum of 200 would be required to sign to maximise use of private hospitals. NTPF and HSE are examining the best way to utilise the private hospitals for elective surgeries. This will incrementally increase the use</p>	<p>Update due for next NCMT.</p>	<p>Acute Operations.</p>
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	<p>of beds. Issues are emerging re lack of overnight cover and the capacity of labs in private hospitals to test for COVID-19. They will require new machines and access to reagent to do this.</p> <p>A clear method for measuring and tracking of the workload taking place in private facilities needs to be put in place with appropriate performance metrics.</p> <p>There are 2 challenges currently in treating patients in private facilities:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Overnight cover for PH is limited 2. COVID-19 testing currently not possible in private facilities. (Work is ongoing in regard to pairing testing from private facilities with HSE Acute testing facilities) <p><u>Clinical Update:</u> No further update– matters covered in earlier discussion.</p> <p><u>Testing & tracing Update:</u> An update was provided by Niamh O’Beirne:</p>	<p>Update at next NCMT meeting.</p> <p>Update at next NCMT meeting.</p>	<p>Chief Clinical Officer</p> <p>HSE EMT - Niamh O’Beirne</p>
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	<p>Surge planning for testing and tracing is underway in advance of the change to the current case definition. It is planned to increase capacity from 28/04/2020.</p> <p><u>PPE Update:</u> An update was provided by ND Procurement, Sean Bresnan and ND QAV Patrick Lynch.</p> <p>There are three strands to resolve the requirement for additional supply of surgical masks to address increasing demand:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. [REDACTED] run rate of 500k per day. 2. [REDACTED] – run rate of 1m per day. This is subject to obtaining the relevant export licences. DFaT / Taoiseach engaging with [REDACTED] Government via diplomatic channels. 3. Another 4m masks are available from a third supplier immediately with additional 4m available next week. If the [REDACTED] option is not available this supplier may be 	<p>Update at next NCMT meeting.</p>	<p>HSE Procurement HSE QAV</p>
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	<p>able to supply in quantity on an ongoing basis.</p> <p>The forecast modelling for PPE requirements is close to finalisation It is being reviewed further and a workshop will help to sense check the quantities proposed.</p> <p><u>OCIO Update:</u> An update was provided by the Chief Information Officer, Fran Thompson. Discussions regarding new contact tracing app are ongoing with the Government CIO. HSE currently working with [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] examining deployment of the app utilising their core technology. The app should be available for testing in May. [REDACTED] Dept. of Health, has started drafting memo to Gov regarding app.</p>	<p>Paper to be finalised for DEPR DoH.</p> <p>Update at next NCMT meeting.</p>	<p>HSE QAV HSE Procurement</p> <p>HSE Chief Information Officer</p>
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<u>NEXT MEETINGS</u>	<p>The next meeting of the NCMT will be as follows:</p> <p>NCMT #28 Thursday 30th April 2020 @ 09:00am</p>		<p>HSE National Emergency Management – Amanda Prior</p>