

Meeting: National Crisis Management Team Meeting. **Meeting #30, COVID-19.**

Date: Thursday 7th May 2020 @ 09:00am.

Attendance:

Member - Paul Reid, CEO HSE; Ann O'Connor, COO; Colm Henry, CCO; Dean Sullivan CSPO; Stephen Mulvany, CFO; 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; Paul Connors ND Communications; Sean Bresnan, ND Procurement; Liam Woods, Acute Operations.

Subject Matter Experts - Dr Kevin Kelleher, AND Public Health; Ciaran Browne, Acute Operations; Dr Lorraine Doherty, National Clinical Director HPSC; Annmarie Part, Environmental Health; Dr Siobhan, Ní Bhriain, National Lead Integrated Care.

In Attendance - Dr Trish Markham, HSE National Office for Emergency Management; Cahir O'Byrne, National Office for Emergency Management; Amanda Prior, National Emergency Management; Ray Mitchell, Parliamentary Affairs; Ronan Glynn, DoH; Deirdre McNamara, Office of CCO.

Topic	Discussion	Action	Owner
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<u>INTRODUCTION:</u>	<p>The CEO Mr Paul Reid, opened the 30th meeting of the NCMT.</p> <p>The CEO requested that copies of all papers due to be submitted to NPHEH or DoH be submitted to his office prior to issuing them elsewhere.</p> <p>The CEO noted the HSE Boards appreciation for the relentless work undertaken and that the chair had asked him to pass on the thanks of the Board to everyone.</p>	Documentation to be available for review by CEO prior to distribution to NPHEH & DoH.	All
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<u>MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING:</u>	Minutes from NCMT #29 were approved.		
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<u>NPHEH ACTION LOG:</u>	The CEO received an update on NPHEH actions.	The action list will be updated as necessary to include new actions and status of existing ones.	HSE National Emergency Management – Tom McGuinness
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<u>NCMT ACTION LOG:</u>	The CEO requested an update on NCMT actions at NCMT #31.	The action list will be updated as necessary to include new actions and status of existing ones.	HSE National Emergency Management – Cahir O’Byrne

	<p><u>Testing & tracing:</u> An update was provided by Niamh O’Beirne HSE EMT. There are currently 7,500-10,000 tests being performed by the labs which is within current capacity levels.</p> <p>The CEO expressed sincere thanks to all involved in the testing and tracing process for their work to date.</p> <p>The CEO requested that contact tracing have a renewed focus, and in particular that systems and processes for data capture, validation and reporting are finalised.</p> <p><u>PPE:</u> An update was provided by ND Procurement, Sean Bresnan and ND QAV Patrick Lynch. Discussions with suppliers of surgical masks in Korea and government officials are progressing well. In anticipation of a successful conclusion of the contract, options for an air bridge between Korea and Ireland to deliver the product are being researched. Aer Lingus and Ryanair have been asked to submit proposals in this regard.</p>	<p>CCO, PH and NOB to work through solutions for streamlining the current process. NOB to update CEO with recommendations as soon as possible.</p> <p>Update to be provided at next meeting.</p>	<p>Colm Henry – Chief Clinical office/ Public Health/ Niamh O’Beirne – HSE EMT</p> <p>ND Procurement, Sean Bresnan ND QAV Patrick Lynch</p>
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	<p><u>Environmental Health:</u> An update was provided by Annmarie Part, AND Environmental Health, on HSE presence at ports and airports. HSE withdrew from these sites from the 17/04/20. This followed a request by NPHEt for the Dept. Justice to take on an enhanced role at the airports, effectively duplicating the HSE role. EH engaged with GNIB and Immigration and there was a handover of responsibility and phased withdrawal. However, currently there is no statutory basis to allow officials of any agency, to compel arriving passengers to provide details as to where they will be self-isolating for 14 days or indeed to compel them to self-isolate.</p> <p><u>Parliamentary Questions:</u> CEO noted again that PQs are back and will need to be responded to in a timely way. RM pointed out that TDs can submit new PQs from next week. However, there were 179 PQs paused in the system which have now been released for reply.</p> <p><u>Finance:</u> An update was provided by the Chief Financial officer, Stephen Mulvany. DEPR are reviewing the cost submitted by HSE for Testing and Tracing program.</p>	<p>Public Health are due to attend meeting with government departments regarding Ports of Entry and Self Isolation procedures. An update will be provided to CEO following the meeting.</p> <p>PQs to be responded to in timely fashion.</p> <p>Update to be provided at next meeting.</p>	<p>Dr Kevin Kelleher – AND Public Health</p> <p>All</p> <p>Stephen Mulvany, CFO</p>
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	The assumptions on which these costs estimates have been based, namely 100k tests a week every week until year end, are being challenged by DEPR. While this is the figure in terms of capacity, requested by NPHE, the question arises if that capacity will in fact be needed and if the HSE will be contractually obliged to pay for capacity that is not needed.		
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AOB - HPSC	An update was provided by Dr Lorraine Doherty, National Clinical Director HPSC. LD noted that there are now 10 outbreaks associated with meat processing plants. A report is being prepared by HPSC outbreak control team for DoH. PR stated that all such reports should be forwarded to his office for his review prior to submitting them to DoH	The CEO requested oversight of this document before issuing to DoH / CMO.	Dr Lorraine Doherty - National Clinical Director HPSC
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NEXT MEETINGS	The next meeting of the NCMT will be as follows: NCMT #31 Monday 11th May 2020 @ 09:00am		HSE National Emergency Management – Amanda Prior