

Meeting: National Crisis Management Team Meeting. **Meeting #42, COVID-19.**

Date: Tuesday 30th June 2020 @ 09:00am.

Attendance:

Member - Paul Reid, Chief Executive Officer HSE; Ann O'Connor, Chief Operations Officer; Dr Colm Henry, Chief Clinical Officer; Martin Dunne, Director National Ambulance Service; Yvonne O'Neill (for David Walsh), Community Operations; Angela Fitzgerald (for Liam Woods), Acute Operations; Joe Ryan, ND National Services; Tom McGuinness, AND National Emergency Management; Geraldine Smith, ND Internal Audit; John Kelly, Head of Corporate Affairs; Fran Thompson, Chief Information Officer; Anne Marie Hoey, ND Human Resources; Sean Bresnan, ND Procurement; Dr Paul Connors, ND Communications; Dr Stephanie O'Keefe, ND Strategic Planning and Transformation; Niamh O'Beirne, HSE EMT; Dr Lorraine Doherty, Clinical Lead HPSC; Patrick Lynch ND Quality Assurance Verification.

Subject Matter Experts - Dr Ciaran Browne; Acute Operations.

In Attendance - Dr Trish Markham, HSE National Office for Emergency Management; Amanda Prior, HSE National Office for Emergency Management; Cahir O'Byrne, HSE National Office for Emergency Management; Ray Mitchell, Parliamentary Affairs; Deirdre McNamara, Office of the CCO; Ann Marie Part, AND Environmental Health.

Apologies:

Dean Sullivan, Chief Strategy & Planning Officer; Stephen Mulvany, Chief Financial Officer; Dr Kevin Kelleher, AND Public Health; Dr Siobhan Ni Bhriain, National Lead Integrated Care.

Topic	Discussion	Action	Owner
1.			
<u>INTRODUCTION:</u>	The CEO Mr Paul Reid, opened the 42 nd meeting of the NCMT.		
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<u>MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING:</u>	Minutes from NCMT #41 were approved.		
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<u>NPHET ACTION LOG:</u>	The CEO requested an update on NPHET actions. In relation to NPHET support for critical care expansion, CCO noted the work that has been completed on paper around future critical care capacity. There has been good positive engagement by DoH with HSE.	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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<p><u>NATIONAL INTEGRATED OPERATIONS HUB:</u></p>	<p><u>Acute Operations:</u> An update was provided by Angela Fitzgerald, Acute Operations. Discussions with private hospitals are ongoing regarding:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – The close out of the current agreement allowing for safe transition of patient care. – Negotiation of new bridging agreement. – Negotiations regarding access to surge capacity in the event of a surge in COVID -19 cases at some point in the future. <p><u>Interim NCMT report:</u> The CEO provided an update on the Interim NCMT report. Tom McGuinness, AND Emergency Management is finalising draft report. Paul Reid will meet with Tom McGuinness on Friday to review draft report.</p> <p><u>LTRC HCW Testing</u> An update was provided by Niamh O’Beirne, HSE EMT. Initial testing of HCW in LTRC facilities began 24/06/2020 through to 28/06/2020. Work is ongoing with Lorraine Doherty and Public Health teams to risk assess any positive cases and activate an</p>	<p>Update at next meeting.</p> <p>Paul Reid and Tom McGuinness to arrange meeting to discuss.</p> <p>Dr Colm Henry and Dr Lorraine Doherty will prepare a brief summary of data on outbreaks identified as a result of this serial testing and implications for individuals and the HSE. They will</p>	<p>Angela Fitzgerald – Acute Operations</p> <p>Paul Reid - CEO; Tom McGuinness - National Emergency Management</p> <p>Colm Henry – Chief Clinical Officer; Lorraine Doherty – CL HPSC</p>

	<p>outbreak response team where appropriate. Testing is scheduled to begin again 01/07/2020. LD confirmed a number of sites in North Dublin are receiving supports from the outbreak response teams at present. It has been noted outbreaks are more prevalent in certain geographical areas.</p> <p>Yvonne O’Neill proposed a communications strategy is implemented for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Engagement with local and national political stakeholders re impact of mass testing on positivity rates in order to provide some context – Engagement with HCW (both NHI and HSE services) to provide information on supports available for employees. <p><u>Scenario planning:</u></p> <p>The CEO expressed sincere thanks to all for work to date. The CEO informed everyone that he will review the current NCMT membership over the coming days. He will reconfigure the team to suit the current and immediate key issues and other services will be requested to attend NCMT as required.</p>	<p>present their initial findings to NCMT on 07/07/2020.</p> <p>Yvonne O’Neill to engage with relevant CHO area and Paul Connors, National Communications to progress stakeholder engagement / communications arising from clusters of positive cases identified during HCW serial testing.</p> <p>Paul Reid will review NCMT membership and discuss changes with Tom McGuinness.</p>	<p>Yvonne O’Neill – Community Operations/ Paul Connors – Communications</p> <p>Paul Reid – CEO/ Tom McGuinness – National Emergency Management</p>
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	<p>The CEO requested a number of service areas develop a brief 1/2-page document addressing challenges ahead and the mobilisation approach for each service under a number of scenarios.</p> <p>The scenarios are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Future massive surge in COVID-19 cases nationally – Massive peak in cases in a specific geographic area – Intermittent peaks and troughs over coming months. – Increase in COVID-19 cases along with usual Winter Flu surge. 	<p>Submissions to be emailed to Tom McGuinness by COB, Friday 2nd July 2020.</p>	<p>NCMT Members</p>
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<u>AOB</u>	<p>HR: An update was provided by Ann Marie Hoey, ND HR. The waiver of pension abatement for re-hired retirees is due to expire today. HR have been working with DoH and DPER to set out a rationale for an extension of the waiver. [REDACTED]</p>	<p>Ann Marie Hoey to prepare summary note for CEO to forward to DoH Sec Gen Mr Jim Breslin this am.</p>	<p>Ann Marie Hoey – Human Resources</p>

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<u>NEXT MEETINGS</u>	The next meeting of the NCMT will be as follows: NCMT #43 Tuesday 7th July 2020 @ 09:00am		HSE National Emergency Management – Amanda Prior