



Meeting: National Crisis Management Team Meeting. **Meeting #46, COVID-19.**

Date: Thursday 30th July 2020 @ 09:00am.

Attendance:

Member - Paul Reid, CEO HSE; Dr Colm Henry, CCO; Stephen Mulvany, CFO; Dean Sullivan, CSPO; COO Martin Dunne, Director National Ambulance Service; Yvonne O'Neill, Community Operations; Liam Woods, ND Acute Operations; Tom McGuinness, AND National Emergency Management; Sean Bresnan, Procurement; Dr Paul Connors, ND Communications; Niamh O'Beirne, HSE EMT; Dr Kevin Kelleher, AND Public Health; Dr Siobhan Ni Bhriain, National Lead Integrated Care; Joe Ryan, ND National Services; Dr Lorraine Doherty, CL HPSC; John Kelly, Corporate Affairs.

In Attendance - Amanda Prior, HSE National Office for Emergency Management; Cahir O'Byrne, HSE National Office for Emergency Management; David Keating, DoH.

Apologies:

Anne O Connor COO; Anne Marie Hoey ND HR.

Topic	Discussion	Action	Owner
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<u>INTRODUCTION:</u>	The CEO Mr Paul Reid, opened the 46 th meeting of the NCMT.		
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<u>MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING:</u>	Minutes from NCMT #45 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 include new actions and status of existing ones.	HSE National Emergency Management – Tom McGuinness.
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<u>Workstream Updates:</u>	<p><u>Public Health Update:</u> An update was provided by Lorraine Doherty, Clinical Lead HPSC. The upward trend in cases continues with a number of outbreaks linked to congregated settings such as direct provision centre, traveller accommodation and workplaces.</p> <p>This indicates two areas of concern, vulnerable communities and certain workplaces. Need to continue engagement with stakeholders working</p>	Update at next NCMT.	Dr Lorraine Doherty Dr Kevin Kelleher

	<p>with vulnerable communities and initiate specific engagement with business community via bodies such as IBEC CFI etc. Dr Kevin Kelleher noted that he attends a fortnightly meeting with HAS, DEBI, and DoH and would raise the matter there also.</p> <p>Testing & Tracing Update: An update was provided by Niamh O’Beirne, HSE EMT. A number of positive cases had high volumes of close contacts, over 40 in some cases and 65 in one case. Demand for community testing is increasing with increased weekend referrals.</p> <p>Updates:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Testing of Passengers at Airports/Ports: A paper has been drafted setting out the resource requirements to implement random testing of asymptomatic passengers arriving at Dublin airport. This will help inform any future government decision on the matter. Passenger Locator Form: The HSE CIO noted that OoCIO have been working to produce a digital version of the passenger locator form. An initial version has been 	Update at next NCMT.	Niamh O’Beirne – HSE EMT
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	<p>demonstrated. The DAA, at the request of DTTAS, are now working with Capita to take on the locator form and associated processes and integrate these with airport and airline operations.</p> <p><u>Operational Update:</u> Yvonne O’Neill, Community Operations, confirmed that she had written to NHI and HIQA regarding HCWs in private LTRC Facilities travelling abroad on leave. HSE has requested that they align their return to work practices with PH advice and Public Sector guidance. An unexpected number of referrals (30 plus additional 14 expected) have been made to City West self-isolation facility. Arrangements are being put in place to have clinical cover available over the bank holiday weekend.</p> <p>Liam Woods, Acute Operations noted that ICU was now back to normal capacity (287) while remaining alert to any potential surge. Hospital production levels have not returned to pre-COVID levels.</p> <p><u>Clinical Coalition Update:</u> An update was provided by Colm Henry, CCO. Paper has been finalised regarding</p>	<p>Update at next NCMT.</p> <p>Update at next NCMT.</p>	<p>COO</p> <p>CCO</p>
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	<p>appropriate separation for ICP purpose within healthcare settings. Dr David Hanlon has prepared a paper setting out considerations regarding the testing of children for COVID-19 in the context of a Winter Flu surge.</p> <p><u>General Surge Preparedness:</u> <u>Acute Operations:</u> LW noted that hospitals will monitor any rise in COVID-19 admissions, in particular those over 60s, as these may require ICU beds with a typical lag time of two weeks from general admission to ICU admission. Younger patients are less likely to require ICU care. While ICU beds have returned to normal levels, the staff trained for ICU surge remain in place albeit returned to regular duties. Key issue remains the average rate of admission over 14 days noting the higher risk of admissions translating to ICU admissions if over 61 years of age.</p> <p><u>PPE:</u> There was a discussion regarding WHO advice for certain cohorts of public to wear medical facemasks. A paper is going to NPHET outlining the potential impact in terms of any improved effectiveness, volumes required, restricted capacity to obtain supply and impact on HCWs. No other EU countries</p>	Update at next NCMT.	NPHET
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	<p>(or others) have adopted this as a policy at this time.</p> <p><u>Vaccination:</u> The CEO asked that all staff are encouraged to avail of the flu vaccine. He asked Dr Keven Kelleher to see if it's possible to monitor the uptake in real time. This may be difficult with current systems and the challenges of administering the vaccine in COVID-19 environment.</p> <p><u>Finance:</u> The CFO noted the challenges in getting sanction for costs associated with PPE. CEO noted that any future requests to the HSE from NPHET or DoH to implement changed practices must include DoH direction that sets out the change in Government Policy and the sanction for the linked funding to allow the policy to be implemented.</p>		
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<u>NEXT MEETINGS</u>	<p>The next meeting of the NCMT will be as follows: NCMT #47 Tuesday 4th August 2020 @ 09:00am</p>		HSE National Emergency Management – Amanda Prior