

Meeting: National Crisis Management Team. **Meeting #48, COVID-19.**

Date: Thursday 7th August 2020 @ 16:00.

Attendance:

Members - Paul Reid, CEO; 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; Brendan White, Procurement (For Sean Bresnan); Niamh O’Beirne, HSE EMT; Dr Kevin Kelleher, AND Public Health; Dr Siobhan Ni Bhriain, National Lead Integrated Care; Joe Ryan, ND National Services; John Kelly, Corporate Affairs; Dr Trish Markham, National Emergency Management (For Tom McGuinness); John Delamere, Human Resources (For Annmarie Hoey); Fran Thompson, CIO.

In Attendance - Amanda Prior, HSE National Office for Emergency Management; Dr Eibhlinn Connelly, DoH; Cara Regan, HSE National Office for Emergency Management; Robert Kidd, Acute Operations.

Apologies:

Anne O Connor COO; Anne Marie Hoey ND HR; Tom McGuinness, AND National Emergency Management; Sean Bresnan, ND Procurement; Dr Paul Connors, Communications; Dr Lorraine Doherty, CL HPSC; Cahir O’Byrne, HSE National Office for Emergency Management; Ray Mitchell, Parliamentary Affairs; David Keating, DoH.

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1. INTRODUCTION			
	<p>The CEO, Paul Reid, opened the 48th meeting of the NCMT.</p> <p>The CEO thanked Stephen Mulvany, CFO, for chairing previous meeting.</p> <p>NCMT #48 has been arranged in order to review NPHET actions relating to Public Health as issued by the CMO DoH to HSE CEO 07/08/2020.</p>		
2. PREVIOUS MINUTES			
	Minutes from NCMT #47 to be approved at NCMT #49.		Amanda Prior National Emergency Management
3. NPHET ACTION LOG			
	Update on NPHET actions to be provided at NCMT #49.	The action list will be updated as necessary to include new actions and status of existing ones.	Dr Trish Markham National Emergency Management
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5. NPHET UPDATE			
	An update from NPHET meeting held 07/08/2020 was provided by the Chief Clinical Officer, Dr Colm Henry. Discussion took place regarding the increasing level of COVID-19 cases identified in Kildare, Laois and Offaly.		

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	<p>246 cases have been identified within the counties in the previous 14 days, accounting for half of all identified cases. Cases have mainly been identified in meat processing plants and also close contacts of confirmed cases. There is currently no evidence of uncontrolled community transmission. As a result of the increase in cases, NPHET have recommended implementing measures in order to mitigate against the spread of the virus within these areas. 4 NPHET actions were outlined for the HSE on 07/08/2020.</p>		
<p>NPHET Action: 106 ‘Public health responses, including testing, contact tracing, and surveillance, public health outbreak responses are resourced and operating so as to enable as close to real-time reporting and follow-up of cases as possible’.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • KK noted individual outbreak response teams have been activated for individual groups within the affected areas. Engagement between Public Health Experts and Meat Factories and Construction industries is ongoing regarding COVID-19 response. • The CEO requested that where public health supports and resources are required, he is notified prior to the weekend commencing in order to ensure the availability of resources and a state of preparedness for the weekend. 	<p>CCO, Public Health, HPSC, Community and Acute Operations to hold a meeting regarding public health requirements and weekend response plan this evening (07/08/2020).</p> <p>HSE CCO to link with Community and Acute Operations to ensure the availability of resources and a state of preparedness for the weekend.</p>	<p>Dr Colm Henry – Chief Clinical Officer</p> <p>Yvonne O’Neill – Community Operations Robert Kidd – Acute Operations</p>

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<p>NPHET Action: 107 ‘HSE COVID-19 Response Teams are in place and ready to respond to support in particular those living in nursing homes and residential care facilities, people availing of homelessness services, members of the Roma and Traveller Communities, people availing of Direct Provision services and disability services, particularly in these counties’</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Due to the increased demand for testing within the affected regions, the CEO requested a testing and tracing plan be implemented for the affected areas. • Community operations to be in a state of preparedness including, local COVID Response Teams in Kildare, Offaly and Laois on standby. • Discussion took place regarding test centre locations within the affected areas. The CEO requested a Pop-up test centre be established in Newbridge in order to reduce travel from the affected regions. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Testing and Tracing Plan to be put in place for Kildare, Offaly and Laois. <p>List of current operational centres in Kildare, Offaly and Laois to be identified and submitted to CEO.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • COVID Response Teams in Kildare, Offaly and Laois to be put on standby. Long term residential and NHI to be messaged following government announcement. • Pop-up Test clinic to be established in Newbridge, Co. Kildare. <p>Operational Test clinics in Kildare, Offaly and Laois to be identified.</p>	<p>Niamh O’Beirne – HSE EMT</p> <p>Yvonne O’Neill – Community Operations</p> <p>Yvonne O’Neill – Community Operations</p> <p>Martin Dunne – National Ambulance Service</p> <p>Yvonne O’Neill – Community Operations</p>
<p>NPHET Action 108 ‘All health and social care service providers should be ready to activate public health-led, risk-based relevant response plans including for the provision of multidisciplinary supports and surge capacity in these counties and surrounding areas’</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The CEO requested community and acute operations to remain vigilant, also in regards to mobilisation of GPs and supports. 	<p>Acute operations to be in a state of preparedness for the weekend.</p> <p>Commence plans to open a test centre in Co. Kildare.</p>	<p>Robert Kidd – Acute Operations</p> <p>Yvonne O’Neill – Community Operations</p>
<p>NHET Action 109 Appropriate visibility of health service and public health leaders at local and regional level, supported by HSE</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussion to take place between CEO, Paul Reid and ND National Communications, Paul Connors regarding communication plan. 	<p>Communication Plan to be agreed.</p>	<p>Dr Paul Connors – National Director for Communications</p>

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communications teams, to ensure that the public in Kildare, Laois and Offaly are kept informed of disease status in those localities'.			
6. AOB			
7. NEXT MEETING			
	<p>NCMT #49 Tuesday, 11th August 2020 @ 09:00am.</p> <p>*Please note – NCMT may change to the afternoon of Monday August 10th 2020.</p>		<p>Cara Regan Downey - National Emergency Management</p>