

Meeting: National Crisis Management Team Meeting. **Meeting #49, COVID-19.**

Date: Tuesday 11th August 2020 @ 9am.

Attendance:

Members - Stephen Mulvany, CFO (Acting CEO); Martin Dunne, Director National Ambulance Service; Yvonne O'Neill, Community Operations; 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 Trish Markham, National Emergency Management (For Tom McGuinness); John Delamere, Human Resources (For Annmarie Hoey); Fran Thompson, CIO; Dr Lorraine Doherty, CL HPSC; John Kelly, Corporate Affairs.

In Attendance - David Keating, DoH; Cara Regan Downey, HSE National Office for Emergency Management; Angela Fitzgerald, Acute Operations; Pat Healy, CSPO.

Apologies:

Dr Colm Henry, CCO; Dean Sullivan, CSPO COO Anne O Connor COO; Anne Marie Hoey ND HR; Paul Reid, CEO; Tom McGuinness, AND National Emergency Management; Sean Bresnan, ND Procurement; Dr Paul Connors, Communications; Cahir O'Byrne, HSE National Office for Emergency Management; Ray Mitchell, Parliamentary Affairs; Liam Woods, ND Acute Operations; Sean Bresnan, Procurement; Mr Paul Reid, CEO.

Topic	Discussion	Action	Owner
1. INTRODUCTION			
	Acting CEO, CFO Stephen Mulvany opened NCMT #49 meeting.		
2. PREVIOUS MINUTES			
	SM noted 2 changes for minutes # 47 and #48. Approved pending amendments.	Minutes to be amended.	Cara Regan Downey National Emergency Management
3. NPHET ACTION LOG			
	NPHET actions from the 4 th August reviewed.	Correspondence to be recirculated. 4 broad recommendations to be inserted as 1 NPHET action – relevant owners to review, action and revert with update at NCMT #50.	Dr Trish Markham National Emergency Management Dr Kevin Kelleher / Dr Lorraine Doherty / Niamh O'Beirne / Yvonne O'Neill
4. NCMT ACTION LOG			
	NCMT Action 110, 111, 112, 114, 115 and 117 to be reviewed by owners and plans to extend up until August 30 th .	NCMT Action Log to be updated.	Dr Trish Markham National Emergency Management
5. PUBLIC HEALTH UPDATE			
	LD provided an epidemiology update. 836 cases reported over July/August 2020 with 264 over the last 14 days. Incidence Rate: 17.49 per 100,000 in the past 14 days compared to 5.54 previously.	LD to circulate Terms of Reference and short note on the National Standing Oversight Committee on COVID-19. Community and Acute Operations to work closely with Public Health with regard to preparedness.	Dr Lorraine Doherty Clinical Lead HPSC

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	<p>Younger age group – 73% below 45years with a mean age of 33 years. 37% cases in Kildare. 19% in Offaly. 10% in Dublin and 9% in Laois.</p> <p>KK noted that there is a need for the CHO's and Hospital Group's to be in a state of preparedness in anticipation of the impact of increased testing.</p>		
6. TESTING & TRACING			
	<p>NOB advised of the increase in testing - 13,500 test carried out compared to 6,000 in June 2020.</p> <p>Plans going forward for nursing homes, Direct Provision Centres, meat factories, food preparation discussed. Ongoing engagement required with external agencies.</p> <p>Paper being submitted to NPHEP on Direct Provision Centres, airports and meat factories.</p>	<p>Consider in conjunction with community operations and in advance of the operational model for testing and tracing, the need to commence recruiting swab takers. Update required for NCMT #50.</p> <p>NPHEP paper prepared on Direct Provision Centres and meat factories to be circulated to NCMT.</p>	<p>Niamh O'Beirne HSE EMT</p>
7. COMMUNITY OPERATIONS			
	<p>YO'N noted the developing capacity requirements around the emerging rates of COVID-19. City West and the phasing of additional resources being planned.</p>	<p>Community Operations in conjunction with Public Health to examine general surge preparedness and capacity and indicate at NCMT #50 timeframe required for update.</p>	<p>Yvonne O' Neill Community Operations</p>

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	<p>Work ongoing with CHO's with regard to general preparedness to ensure the correct level of response is ready and available.</p> <p>AF noted that she is aiming to work with the Hospital Groups (HGs) with regard to their surge plans and assessing capacity.</p>		
8. ACUTE OPERATIONS			
	It was agreed that further discussion is required off line with HG's, CHO's and PH in relation to assessing capacity and examining surge plans in light of emerging capacity requirements.	Acute Operations in conjunction with Public Health to examine general surge preparedness and capacity and indicate at NCMT #50 timeframe required for update.	Angela Fitzgerald Acute Operations
9. CLINICAL COALITION			
	JR and AF spoke to the current data and figures reported on the available of ICU beds.	National services in conjunction with Acute Operations to review public adults/paediatric/private ICU data and revert with findings.	Joe Ryan National Services
9. AOB			
	Update on Communication Plan to be sought.	Communications to determine if there is public health messaging that can be undertaken to target social distancing around young people.	Dr Paul Connors Communications
10. NEXT MEETING			
	NCMT #50 Tuesday, 18th August 2020 @ 09:00am.		Amanda Prior National Emergency Management