

Meeting: National Crisis Management Team Meeting. **Meeting #50, COVID-19.**

Date: Tuesday 18th 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 Siobhan Ni Bhriain, National Lead Integrated Care; Dr Trish Markham, National Emergency Management (For Tom McGuinness); Anne Marie Hoey, ND Human Resources; Fran Thompson, CIO; Dr Lorraine Doherty, CL HPSC; John Kelly, Corporate Affairs; John Hennessy, CSPO (For Dean Sullivan); Anne O Connor, COO; Angela Fitzgerald, Acute Operations (For Liam Woods); Brendan White, Procurement (For Sean Bresnan); Dr Paul Connors, Communications; Cahir O’Byrne, HSE National Office for Emergency Management.

Apologies:

Dr Colm Henry, CCO; Dean Sullivan, CSPO COO; Anne Marie Hoey ND HR; Paul Reid, CEO; Tom McGuinness, AND National Emergency Management; Sean Bresnan, ND Procurement; Ray Mitchell, Parliamentary Affairs; Liam Woods, ND Acute Operations; Sean Bresnan, Procurement; Dr Kevin Kelleher, AND Public Health; Joe Ryan, ND National Services.

Topic	Discussion	Action	Owner
1. INTRODUCTION			
	Acting CEO, CFO Stephen Mulvany opened NCMT #50.		
2. PREVIOUS MINUTES			
	The CFO noted 2 changes to minutes #49. Approved pending amendments.	Minutes to be amended.	Amanda Prior - National Emergency Management
3. NPHET ACTION LOG			
	The CFO requested an update on NPHET actions.	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. PUBLIC HEALTH UPDATE			
	<p>An epidemiological update was provided by Dr Lorraine Doherty, CL HPSC.</p> <p>There have been 1,096 confirmed cases in the previous 14 days (2nd -15th August 2020). The rate of confirmed cases has increased from 8.5 cases per 100,000 to 23 cases per 100,000. The median age of all cases is 33 years with 72% of cases under 45 years. The majority of cases have presented in Kildare (38%), Dublin (15%) and Offaly (10%).</p>	Update to be provided at next meeting.	Dr Lorraine Doherty - Clinical Lead HPSC

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	<p>There has been a high incidence of workplace outbreaks particularly in meat factories, food processing and construction sites. Public Health staff are continuing to work closely with these premises. A number of outbreaks have also occurred in other settings such as, direct provision centres, travelling community, nursing homes, hospital, confectionary and retail outlets, GAA clubs and some travel associated outbreaks. 150 outbreaks have been identified in private households.</p> <p>Brazil, USA, India and Africa continue to remain the most affected countries globally.</p> <p>Data continues to be monitored by Public Health and Acute Operations in regard to projected hospital admissions.</p> <p>LD informed that Public Health is currently under pressure due to the increase in case numbers and associated work volume. Issues have arisen around obtaining full data sets relating to confirmed cases which are used to inform NPHEH discussion. This is due to a lack of resources and persons available to submit data. This issue</p>	<p>SDU to seek daily updates outlining hospitalisation data detailing the contact tracing profile of individuals.</p> <p>Requirements for PH data entry to be clarified. (LD and NOB). Issue to be identified. Output to be discussed (with FT and AMH). Implement action required.</p>	<p>Joe Ryan – ND National Services</p> <p>Dr Lorraine Doherty – Clinical lead HPSC/ Niamh O’Beirne – HSE EMT/ Annmarie Hoey – ND Human resources/ Fran Thompson – Chief Information Officer</p>

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	requires resolution following today's NCMT meeting.		
6. TESTING & TRACING			
	NO'B provided update. Requisition and serial testing are currently progressing. There is currently a 48-72-hour turnaround time for testing (Referral – Result).	Update to be provided at next meeting.	Niamh O'Beirne – HSE EMT
7. COMMUNITY OPERATIONS			
	<p>YO'N provided update. Community testing and overheads in managing the three affected counties has stabilized recently. Issues regarding a permanent location of a testing facility in Kildare are being resolved, with Puncestown currently in use. There has been an impact regarding nursing homes due to serial testing positivity rates and Community Outbreak response teams have been activated were required.</p> <p>The Nursing Home Impact Review Report is due to be released today and is expected to have an impact on services.</p> <p>Clinical Teams led by SNiB and are coming under increased pressure responding to supports required in City West and also community testing.</p>	Update to be provided at next meeting.	Yvonne O' Neill Community Operations

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8. ACUTE OPERATIONS			
	Capacity within acute services and ICU is being monitored closely. AF noted previous supports during surge requirements have been withdrawn and may not be available during a future surge. Engagement with private hospitals is ongoing. Responses have been received from 5 of the 7 hospital groups, with 3 ready to progress.	Update to be provided at next meeting. AF to forward letter to CEO seeking approval. Responses to be progressed.	Angela Fitzgerald – Acute Operations Angela Fitzgerald – Acute Operations
9. CLINICAL COALITION			
	SNiB provided update.	Update to be provided at next meeting.	Dr Siobhan Ni Bhriain – National Lead Integrated Care
10. AOB			
	<u>Communications</u> PC asked that all remain vigilant to topics that may drive activity with HSE Live and inform communications at their earliest convenience in order to increase resources within the call centre. <u>Public Health</u> Study to Investigate COVID-19 Infection in People Living in Ireland (SCOPI) Report: An update was provided by Dr Lorraine Doherty. This report will be reviewed by NPHET 20/08/2020 with a vision to launching in a press briefing in the afternoon. Research for this report	NCMT members asked to inform communications of topics that may drive activity for HSE Live. Stephen Mulvany, CFO, to keep CEO briefed.	Paul Connors ND Communications NCMT Members Stephen Mulvany – Chief Financial Officer

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	was carried out by HSE HBS in conjunction with NVRL.		
11. NEXT MEETING			
	NCMT #51 Tuesday, 25th August 2020 @ 09:00am.		