



Meeting: National Crisis Management Team Meeting. **Meeting #51**, COVID-19.

Date: Tuesday 25th August 2020 @ 9am.

Attendance:

Members – Paul Reid, CEO; Ann O’Connor, COO; Dr Colm Henry, CCO; Dean Sullivan, CSPO; Anne Marie Hoey, ND HR; Tom McGuinness, AND National Emergency Management; Sean Bresnan, ND Procurement; Ray Mitchell, Parliamentary Affairs; Liam Woods, ND Acute Operations; Dr Kevin Kelleher, AND Public Health; Joe Ryan, ND National Services; Martin Dunne, Director National Ambulance Service; Niamh O’Beirne, HSE EMT; Dr Siobhan Ni Bhriain, National Lead Integrated Care; Fran Thompson, CIO; Dr Lorraine Doherty, CL HPSC; John Kelly, Corporate Affairs; Dr Paul Connors, Communications.

In Attendance - Cahir O’Byrne, HSE National Office for Emergency Management; Amanda Prior – HSE national Office for Emergency Management.

Apologies:

Stephen Mulvany, CFO.

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1. INTRODUCTION			
	<p>The CEO opened NCMT #51.</p> <p>The CEO extended his thanks to CFO Stephen Mulvany for chairing previous NCMT meetings in his absence.</p> <p>The CEO extended thanks to all in meeting surge demands over the previous weeks.</p> <p>The CEO identified three urgent areas for discussion and action in order to meet the urgent and immediate demands placed on the HSE:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Public Health resources 2. Testing Centres 3. Contact Tracers. <p>NCMT #51 will focus on these key areas.</p>	<p>The CEO requested all actions relating to these key areas are carried out today as a matter of urgency, with a report to CEO once completed.</p>	
2. PREVIOUS MINUTES			
	<p>Minutes of NCMT #50 to be approved at NCMT #52.</p>	<p>The action list will be updated as necessary to include new actions and status of existing ones.</p>	<p>Amanda Prior - National Emergency Management</p>
3. NPHET ACTION LOG			
	<p>The CEO requested an update on NPHET actions at NCMT #52.</p>	<p>The action list will be updated as necessary to include new actions and status of existing ones.</p>	<p>Tom McGuinness - National Emergency Management</p>

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4. NCMT ACTION LOG			
	The CEO requested an update on NCMT actions at NCMT #52	The action list will be updated as necessary to include new actions and status of existing ones.	Cahir O'Byrne - National Emergency Management
5. Public Health Update			
	<p>A national epidemiological update was provided by Dr Lorraine Doherty, CL HPSC, for the 14-day period from 9th August 2020 – midnight 22nd August 2020</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 1,269 total confirmed cases notified, compared with 833 confirmed cases in previous 14-day period 26th July 2020 – 8th August 2020 - National incidence of confirmed cases – 26.65/100,000 population, Compared with 17.49/100,000 in previous 14-day period - Median age 32 with 71.8% of cases age <45 years - The majority of cases were in Dublin (31.2%), Kildare (26.1%) Tipperary (7.1%) - The incidence rates for this period were highest in <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kildare 148.8/100,000 population • Carlow 61.5/100,000 population • Tipperary 56.4/100,000 population. 	<p>Update to be provided at next meeting.</p> <p>Lorraine Doherty to forward epidemiological report to CEO 25/08/3030.</p>	<p>Dr Lorraine Doherty - Clinical Lead HPSC</p> <p>Dr Lorraine Doherty – Clinical lead HPSC</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - There were 147 new cases reported in the 24-hour period ending midnight 23rd August 2020. The median age of these cases was 30. The largest proportion were reported in Dublin (49.7%). - There has been a number of new and existing outbreaks of interest to date occurring in construction, meat plants, vulnerable groups and direct provision centres as well as travel related outbreaks. <p><u>Global Epidemiology Update:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - As of 12:48pm, 23 August 2020, there have been 23,057,288 confirmed cases of COVID-19, including 800,906 deaths, reported to WHO. - In the past seven days, highest number of cases reported from <ul style="list-style-type: none"> India (455,258) USA (308,652) Brazil (256,810) Columbia (77,027). 		
6. Testing & Tracing Update			
	<p>The CEO directed that HSE have a team of 150 contact tracing staff in place within days (up from current 65 staff). These are required to deal with</p>	<p>Niamh O’Beirne to forward list of previously identified staff (approx. 1700) to CEO, and progress staffing requirements 25/08/2020.</p>	<p>Niamh O’Beirne – HSE EMT</p>

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	<p>increased levels of contact tracing arising from increase in positive cases. These staff have been previously identified within the HSE and other government departments. This number needs to be kept under review as further additional staff may be required.</p> <p>Joe Ryan, ND National Service said that EHO staff are available to assist, a technical issue that delayed EHO access to CCT has been resolved.</p> <p>There is a need to identify a physical location within Dublin where contact tracing staff can be located as UCD is no longer available.</p> <p>The CEO requested a meeting with Niamh O’Beirne and Kilian McGrane 25/08/2020 to update and examine arrangements for further escalations.</p>	<p>Joe Ryan and Niamh O’Beirne to follow up offline.</p> <p>Niamh O’Beirne and Fran Thompson to discuss location requirements in the Dublin region</p> <p>Paul Reid, Niamh O’Beirne and Kilian McGrane to meet today 25/08/20. Kilian McGrane to be invited to attend next NCMT.</p>	<p>Niamh O’Beirne – HSE EMT/ Joe Ryan – ND National Services</p> <p>Niamh O’Beirne – HSE EMT/ Fran Thompson - CIO</p>
7. Community Operation			
	<p>The CEO directed that test centres are to increase capacity in order to meet increasing demands. This is a priority and relevant staff including Allied Healthcare Professionals must be redeployed once again as a matter of urgency.</p>	<p>Anne O’Connor to contact COs in CHOs to emphasise the urgent requirement to prioritise increasing capacity for testing and to ensure that all available test centres are open and fully staffed.</p>	<p>Anne O’Connor – Chief Operations Officer</p>

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8. Acute Operations			
	An update was provided by Liam Woods regarding Private Hospital Agreements to create surge capacity.	Liam woods to forward note to CEO with update.	Liam Woods – Acute Operations
9. Clinical Coalition			
	Public Health resourcing has been deemed critical to the HSE COVID-19 response plan. The CEO directed the CCO to once again emphasise to clinical management that appropriate clinicians must be redeployed to support the public health function with immediate effect. The CEO provided a further update from meetings with the Education Minister. The HSE is required to define the pathway of testing for teachers and students pending return to education this week. This pathway will require input from a number of HSE areas (CHO, Labs, NAS, Logistics, PH) and is required to be defined by 26/08/2020.	Dr Colm Henry to progress PH resourcing requirements 25/08/2020 and provide update to CEO. Education Testing Pathway to be defined by 26/08/2020.	Dr Colm Henry – Chief Clinical Officer NCMT Members
10. AOB			
	CEO may convene an NCMT on Friday 28 th 2020 if required. Members will be notified via text and WhatsApp.		
11. NEXT MEETING			
	NCMT #52 Tuesday, 1st September 2020 @ 09:00am.		