

**Meeting:** National Crisis Management Team.

**Meeting #53, COVID-19.**

**Date:** Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> September 2020, 09:00 hrs.

**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; Yvonne O’Neill, Community Operations; Dr Kevin Kelleher, AND Public Health; Martin Dunne, Director National Ambulance Service; Niamh O’Beirne, HSE EMT; Dr Siobhan Ni Bhriain, National Lead Integrated Care; Dr Lorraine Doherty, CL HPSC; Sara Maxwell (for John Kelly), Corporate Affairs; Michael Redmond (for Fran Thompson), CIO.

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

**Apologies:**

Joe Ryan, ND National Services; Fran Thompson CIO, John Kelly Corporate Affairs.

Topic	Discussion	Action	Owner
<b>1. INTRODUCTION</b>			
	The CEO opened NCMT #53.		
<b>2. PREVIOUS MINUTES</b>			
	Minutes of NCMT #52 taken as read and approved.		Cahir O'Byrne - National Emergency Management
<b>3. NPHET ACTION LOG</b>			
	The CEO noted that NPHET actions had been reviewed at previous meeting with no pressing matters outstanding.	The action list will be updated as necessary to include new actions and status of existing ones.	Tom McGuinness - National Emergency Management
<b>4. NCMT ACTION LOG</b>			
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<b>5. Public Health Update</b>			
	<p>A national epidemiological update was provided by Dr Lorraine Doherty, CL HPSC. Full details provided in Appendix 1 attached.</p> <p><b>Epidemiology</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>National incidence of confirmed cases – 36.06/100K population Compared with 33.5/100K in previous 14-day period</li> <li>Median age 33 with 70% of cases age &lt;45 years</li> <li>The majority of cases were in Dublin 47%.</li> </ul>	<p>Update to be provided at next meeting.</p> <p>Lorraine Doherty forwarded epidemiological report to CEO 08SEP20.</p>	<p>Dr Lorraine Doherty - Clinical Lead HPSC</p> <p>Dr Lorraine Doherty – Clinical lead HPSC</p>

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	<p>The levels of community testing referrals have increased significantly in recent days.</p> <p>The reopening of schools has seen up to 1m students return. 15 school's nationally have required exclusion and testing of close contacts.</p> <p>120 outbreaks have been reported in private households.</p> <p>Kevin Kelleher, AND Public Health noted the need to protect nursing homes and vulnerable persons during this period.</p>		
<b>6. Testing &amp; Tracing Update</b>			
	<p>An update was provided by Niamh O'Beirne, HSE EMT. There is a significant increase in community testing referrals from both GPs and from Contact Tracing.</p> <p>13,000 community testing referrals were received on Monday which is double what would normally be expected. If this trend continues, this will exceed the current testing capacity. Discussions are ongoing between key stakeholders. Priority must be given to symptomatic community referrals and close contact referrals.</p>	<p>Niamh O'Beirne to update at next meeting.</p>	<p>Niamh O'Beirne – HSE EMT</p>

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	Yvonne O'Neill, Community Operations, noted that the increase in referrals has been seen across all CHO areas. This is different to what has occurred previously and need will be monitored.		
<b>7. Community Operation</b>			
	No further updates, all updates outlined elsewhere in these minutes.	Community Ops will update at next NCMT.	Yvonne O'Neill
<b>8. Acute Operations</b>			
	No further updates, all updates outlined elsewhere in these minutes.	Acute operations to provide update at next meeting.	Liam Woods – Acute Operations
<b>9. Clinical Coalition</b>			
	No further updates, all updates outlined elsewhere in these minute.	Dr Colm Henry to update at next NCMT.	Dr Colm Henry – Chief Clinical Officer
<b>10. AOB</b>			
<b>11. NEXT MEETING</b>			
	<b>NCMT #54 Tuesday, 15th September 2020 @ 09:00am</b>		