

Meeting: National Crisis Management Team.

Meeting #54, COVID-19.

Date: Tuesday 15th 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; John Kelly, Corporate Affairs; Fran Thompson, CIO; Joe Ryan, ND National Services.

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

Apologies:

Dr Lorraine Doherty, CL HPSC.

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1. INTRODUCTION			
	The CEO opened NCMT #54.		
2. PREVIOUS MINUTES			
	Minutes of NCMT #53 taken as read and approved.		Cahir O'Byrne - National Emergency Management
3. NPHE ACTION LOG			
	The CEO requested an update on NPHE actions.	The action list will be updated as necessary to include new actions and status of existing ones.	Tom McGuinness - National Emergency Management
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5. Public Health Update			
	<p>A national epidemiological update was provided by Dr Kevin Kelleher, Public Health.</p> <p>Epidemiology</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> National incidence of confirmed cases – 50/100K population Compared with 36.06/100K in previous 14-day period. 	Update to be provided at next meeting.	Dr Lorraine Doherty - Clinical Lead HPSC / Dr Kevin Kelleher

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The majority of cases were in Dublin. The incidence rate of confirmed cases within Dublin has risen to 95.1/100K. A further breakdown shows the incidence rate in Dublin North Central is now, 103/100K, Dublin South East is 113.2/100K and Dublin North West is 131.5/100K. The rest of Dublin is in high 80s or low 90s with the exception of Dublin South which is currently at 40/100K. There are currently 60 COVID-19 related hospital admissions with 12 admissions to ICU. <p>Referrals for testing have increased significantly over the previous weekend.</p> <p>There has been up to 100 incidences identified in education settings. Generally these are being managed by requesting a class or part of a class to self isolate while PH investigate and close contacts are tested.</p>		
6. Testing & Tracing Update			
	No further updates other than those already covered in this minute.	Niamh O'Beirne to update at next meeting.	Niamh O'Beirne – HSE EMT

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7. Community Operation			
	<p>An update was provided by Yvonne O’Neill, Community Operations. Nursing homes and vulnerable persons are being monitored closely. Community response teams are being used to manage the response in a targeted manner. Serial testing and CIDR systems are being monitored in order to highlight areas of concerns. Thus far, NH in CHO7 and 9 show an increase of incidence mirroring the increase in cases in Dublin region. Community operations are using targeted interventions in NH sites believed to be at risk. Basic measures to limit staff movement, restrict use of agency workers across sites, limit visitations continue to be emphasised</p> <p>NHI have employed [REDACTED] as a clinical lead. This is step along the way in improving overall clinical governance within this sector. The connections established between the HSE and nursing homes remain in place and HSE have outreach teams who can assist with advice from geriatricians and microbiologists.</p> <p>The CEO requested acute operations remain vigilant in monitoring the current</p>	<p>Community Ops will update at next NCMT.</p>	<p>Yvonne O’Neill</p>

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	<p>situation and provide geriatric supports were required at the earliest possible point.</p>		
8. Acute Operations			
	<p>There are now cases of COVID-19 in most major Dublin Hospitals. This has an immediate impact in terms of admission as capacity is frozen in order to facilitate isolation and cohorting of COVID-19 cases. This reduction of capacity can happen rapidly, so a hospital with good capacity finds its capacity frozen with 24hrs due to COVID-19 admissions.</p> <p>The arrangements for a surge in ICU capacity remain in place to be activated if and when needed. ICU numbers for COVID-19 remain low, although increasing.</p>	<p>Acute operations to provide update at next meeting.</p>	<p>Liam Woods – Acute Operations</p>
9. Clinical Coalition			
	<p>No further updates other than those already covered in this minute.</p>	<p>Dr Colm Henry to update at next NCMT.</p>	<p>Dr Colm Henry – Chief Clinical Officer</p>

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10. AOB			
	<p>Winter Plan: Discussion took place at a cabinet committee meeting yesterday and this morning regarding the HSE Winter Plan. There has been €600 million funding secured for the Implementation of the plan. This is broken down into €200 million for 2020 with a further €400 million expected in 2021.</p> <p>The implementation of the Winter Plan will be managed via the existing work streams established under INOH..</p> <p>It is expected to brief the minister regarding the plan 16/09/2020, with the launch to take place 17/09/2020.</p> <p>PPE: An update was provided by Sean Bresnan, ND Procurement. Current PPE lines are strong and resilient. The production of testing kits was increased over the previous weekend in order to meet demand. This situation will be monitored over the coming week and may be increased again in line with demand if required. There is a strong</p>	<p>Plan will be launched on Thursday 17th.</p>	<p>CEO COO Joe Ryan ND National Services.</p>

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	stock of ventilators available to the system also.		
11. NEXT MEETING			
	NCMT #55 Tuesday, 22nd September 2020 @ 08:30 hrs		