

Meeting: National Crisis Management Team.

Meeting #55, COVID-19.

Date: Tuesday 22nd September 2020, 08:30 hrs.

Attendance:

Members – Paul Reid, CEO; Ann O’Connor, COO; 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; Fran Thompson, CIO.

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; Dr Colm Henry, CCO; Dr Siobhan Ni Bhriain, National Lead Integrated Care; Joe Ryan, ND National Services; John Kelly, Corporate Affairs.

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1. INTRODUCTION			
	The CEO opened NCMT #55.		
2. PREVIOUS MINUTES			
	Minutes of NCMT #54 to be approved at NCMT #56.		Cahir O'Byrne - National Emergency Management
3. NPHE ACTION LOG			
	The CEO requested an update on NPHE actions at NCMT #56.	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 14-day period: 7th September 2020 to midnight 20th September 2020</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3,353 total confirmed cases compared with 1,672 confirmed cases in previous 14 day period from 24th August 2020 to the 6th September 2020. 	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"> National incidence of confirmed cases – 70.4/100K population compared with 35.1/100K in previous 14 day period. Median age 33, with 66.9% of cases <45 years compared with median age of 33 and 69.6% of cases < 45 years in previous 14-day period The majority of cases were in Dublin 55.5%, Donegal 4.6% and Kildare 4.4% compared with Dublin 47.3%, Kildare 7.8% and Limerick 6.9% in the previous 14-day period. The incidence rates for this period were highest in Dublin 138/100K, Louth 101.6/100K, Donegal 96.7/100K compared with Limerick 59.5/100K, Kildare 58.9/100K and Dublin 58.7/100K in previous 14 day period. 		
6. Testing & Tracing Update			
	<p>Niamh O’Beirne noted that demands for test referrals are continuing to rise. 87% of tests have a same day/next day, test appointment, whilst 90% of tests are turned around within 3 days from referral to result.</p> <p>Lab capacity has been increased locally by 1,000. also additional capacity of 2,000 per day has been contracted from</p>	<p>Niamh O’Beirne to update at next meeting.</p>	<p>Niamh O’Beirne – HSE EMT</p>

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	<p>a German laboratory and is being utilised.</p> <p>Interviews for swab test staff are underway following recruitment campaign and contact tracers are being on-boarded through the HSE recruitment process.</p>		
7. Community Operation			
	<p>An update was provided by Ann O'Connor, Chief Operations Officer, and Yvonne O'Neill, Community Operations. Assessment Hubs remain an active workstream within INOH. Community Assessment Hubs are dependent on support from General Practice. Negotiations are ongoing with GPs regarding resourcing of Assessment Hubs and GP OOH referrals.</p> <p>There are currently 13 Assessment Hubs active, with 5 paused at present due to a lack of demand. The aim as per the Winter Plan is to have 20 in total, available depending on demand.</p> <p>LTRC remain high priority and are being monitored closely. Covid response teams are proactively engaging with the nursing home sector. Correspondence is</p>	<p>Chief Operations Officer and Community Ops will update at next NCMT.</p> <p>Requirement and demand for assessment hubs to be monitored closely.</p>	<p>Ann O'Connor – Chief Operations Officer/ Yvonne O'Neill – Community Operations</p> <p>Ann O'Connor – Chief Operations Officer/ Yvonne O'Neill – Community Operations</p>

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	<p>due to issue today to NHI and HIQA advising them of the HSE supports that are available such as IPC advice. Some tensions remain around the role of the HSE in private nursing home facilities as the HSE have no statutory functions or powers specific to this sector.</p>		
8. Acute Operations			
	<p>Liam Woods, Acute Operations. Communications noted that the impact of increased COVID-19 cases in Dublin is that, some large Dublin hospitals such as Beaumont and Mater are now having to delay some elective surgery as the hospital capacity is now constrained. This is due to bed capacity being frozen as patients are cohorted in COVID wards. The arrangements for a surge in ICU capacity remain in place to be activated if and when needed.</p> <p>ICU numbers for COVID are increasing. Both Beaumont and The Mater Hospitals have experienced growth in admissions in the past 3 to 4 days.</p> <p>Surge capacity is an active ongoing workstream under INOH. The intent is to have sufficient ICU beds as and when they are needed as opposed to staffing empty beds.</p>	<p>Acute operations to provide update at next meeting.</p> <p>Liam Woods and Paul Connors to develop communication bullet re surge capacity for acute beds and ICU.</p>	<p>Liam Woods – Acute Operations</p> <p>Liam Woods – Acute Operations/ Paul Connors – National Communications</p>

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9. Clinical Coalition			
	No further updates other than those already covered in this minute.	Dr Colm Henry to update at next NCMT.	Dr Colm Henry – Chief Clinical Officer
10. AOB			
11. NEXT MEETING			
	NCMT #56 Tuesday, 29th September 2020 @ 09:00 hrs		