

Meeting: National Crisis Management Team.

Meeting #57, COVID-19.

Date: Tuesday 6th October 2020, 10:00 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; Dr Kevin Kelleher, AND Public Health; Martin Dunne, Director National Ambulance Service; Niamh O’Beirne, HSE EMT; Fran Thompson, CIO; Dr Colm Henry, CCO; Joe Ryan, ND National Services; John Kelly, Corporate Affairs; Stephen Mulvany, CFO; Annmarie Hoey, ND HR; Liam Woods, ND Acute Operations; Yvonne O’Neill, Community Operations; Dr Siobhan Ni Bhriain, National Lead Integrated Care.

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

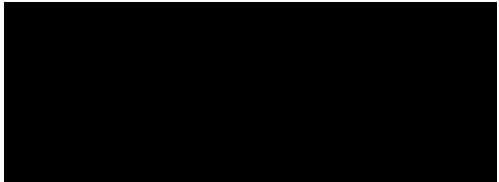
Apologies:

Dr Lorraine Doherty, CL HPSC; David Leach, DoH.

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1. INTRODUCTION			
	The CEO opened NCMT #57		
2. PREVIOUS MINUTES			
	Minutes of NCMT #56 approved by all.		Cahir O'Byrne - National Emergency Management
3. NPHE ACTION LOG			
	The CEO requested an update on NPHE actions at NCMT #58	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, AND Public Health.</p> <p>The rate of transmission has increased nationally as of yesterday to 114/100K population, with Dublin at 167. Dublin South East is now at 226/100k, Dublin North West is at 203/100k and Dublin North Central is at 221/100k. Dublin South has risen to 93/100K which is a considerable increase in the last 10 days.</p>	Update to be provided at next meeting.	Dr Lorraine Doherty - Clinical Lead HPSC

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	<p>Across the country, there are over 100 cases per 100K population in Cavan, Clare and Cork. Donegal has increased to 273/100k, Longford and Monaghan has increased to over 200/100k, Offaly is at 200/100k and Roscommon at 154/100k Waterford is lowest at 29/100K.</p> <p>Number of admissions to hospitals, admissions to ICU and deaths all slowly rising – expect to see that to begin to accelerate as overall case numbers increase – classic lag in incidence rate vs impact on health services.</p> <p>There are 7 outbreaks in nursing homes that are of concern and being monitored. 3 of these are of particular significance and HSE are providing support (IPC advice, Geriatrician Advice). HSE pinch point is the lack of capacity for geriatricians and IPC clinicians to respond, it is manageable at the minute but there is limited capacity for HSE to deploy “boots on the ground” in those specialties.</p> <p>COO noted that expert group for NH care is now meeting to support overall response and there will be supporting actions arising from their work.</p>	<p>Community Operations and Public Health are coordinating their response to LTRC facilities where outbreaks are of concern.</p>	<p>Dr Lorraine Doherty/ Yvonne O’Neill</p>

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6. Testing & Tracing Update			
	<p>An update was provided by Niamh O’Beirne, HSE EMT.</p> <p>Surge in referrals 5% and rising. Particularly in Limerick, Cavan, Monaghan, Wicklow, Clare and Cork. High positivity rate for these areas, 11%, indicates possible previous under referral for tests. Positivity rate does vary nationally from 2%-11%.</p> <p>Swab Testers recruitment: 514 passed interview and undergoing compliance process - @ 57 staff per CHO. Currently 700 AHPs involved in swabbing.</p> <p>Contact tracing recruitment: 85 due this week with 72 next week and 60/70 per week for a further 4 weeks. Currently 85 EHOs and 25 AHPs involved with contact tracing. Work is ongoing with outsource partners to start on 12th and 19th of October.</p> <p>A proposal to utilise HSE staff who are cocooning for contact tracing is under discussion. These staff may be utilised to complete the enhanced data requirements.</p>	<p>Niamh O’Beirne to update at next meeting.</p>	<p>Niamh O’Beirne – HSE EMT</p>

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	<p>Despite positive recruitment, challenges remain in releasing HSE staff back to post from testing. In particular sufficient clinical leads are required for each site.</p> <p>COO, Ann O'Connor noted that there is particular demand in CHO2 to allow physical therapists to return to their normal duties.</p>		
7. Community Operation			
	<p>An update was provided by Ann O'Connor, Chief Operations Officer and Yvonne O'Neill, Community Operations.</p> <p>A meeting was held yesterday to ensure nursing homes with identified outbreaks remain on the radar and that there is the right covid response teams around them.</p>  <p>These facilities are in receipt HSE supports.</p> <p>Dr Colm Henry noted CRT's have worked well in phase one, however it is important not to rely too heavily on both the hospital and geriatrician community</p>	<p>Chief Operations Officer and Community Ops will update at next NCMT.</p>	<p>Ann O'Connor – Chief Operations Officer/ Yvonne O'Neill – Community Operations</p>

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	<p>as they are stretched, the current response is appropriate. Nursing homes to remain on agenda for discussion.</p> <p>CH, CCO, noted that nursing homes are considered the most appropriate setting for treatment of older persons in LTRC.</p>		
8. Acute Operations			
	<p>An update was provided by Liam Woods, Acute Operations. It was confirmed the revised use of masks within the acute setting has been issued and updated in the form of a letter from CCO office to address compliance.</p> <p>There are currently 5 new outbreaks which have been identified in acute facilities. The most significant of these are in Dublin - [REDACTED]</p> <p>The DoH has given approval for temporary arrangements regarding Private Hospitals. [REDACTED] spend agreed with DoH and this can be drawn down ASAP.</p> <p>Tender for private hospital services is complete and hospitals can access services by way of mini competitions. Some private hospital groups did not tender correctly and they are being</p>	<p>Acute operations to provide update at next meeting.</p>	<p>Liam Woods – Acute Operations</p>

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	<p>allowed to re-tender which was allowed for in the original scheme. Does not delay triggering of support if taken in conjunction with point “a” in relation to the safety net. Dialogue has taken place with DPER last Friday, it is hoped to bring this to finality by end of week. Most of hospitals are engaged in the process with the exception of the [REDACTED]</p> <p>[REDACTED] is less inclined to engage but is expected to respond in extremis. A draft document is to issue to private hospitals today. LW to brief CEO following meeting.</p> <p>A further update was provided by AOC, CCO regarding City West. There is nothing outstanding from HSE perspective. Discussions took place at HPOG last week, but HSE are still awaiting approval. The current contract for City West expires on 23rd of October 2020. The CEO requested Steven Mulvany, CFO, to follow up with DoH.</p>	<p>CFO to raise matter again with DoH, noting that there is nothing outstanding from HSE on this matter.</p>	<p>CFO , Stephen Mulvany COO, Anne O’Connor</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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11. NEXT MEETING			
	NCMT #58 Tuesday, 13th October 2020 @ 09:00 hrs		