

Meeting: National Crisis Management Team.

Meeting #61, COVID-19.

Date: Tuesday 3rd November 2020, 09:00 hrs.

Attendance:

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

In Attendance - Amanda Prior, HSE National Office for Emergency Management; Cara Regan Downey, HSE National Office for Emergency Management.

Apologies:

Cahir O’Byrne, HSE National Office for Emergency Management.

Topic	Discussion	Action	Owner
1. INTRODUCTION			
	The CEO opened NCMT #61.		
2. PREVIOUS MINUTES			
	Minutes of NCMT #60 approved by all.		Cahir O'Byrne - National Emergency Management
3. NPHET ACTION LOG			
	The CEO requested an update on NPHET action at NCMT #62.	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 Kevin Kelleher, Public Health. Please find update attached.</p> <p>Deceleration has been seen in virus rates nationally within the last 7 days, with the exception of Dublin and Cork. Dublin MW, NW & NC particularly continue to show higher virus rates. The highest 7-day rate is Tipperary at 47% with Leitrim having the lowest rate at 9%.</p>	Update to be provided at next meeting.	Dr Lorraine Doherty - Clinical Lead HPSC

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	<p>Outbreaks remain in private houses, and are ongoing in schools and nursing homes.</p> <p>KK noted discussions with [REDACTED] revealed the number of persons requiring testing has collapsed in recent days showing restrictions are beginning to show effect.</p> <p>The CEO reiterated the commitment agreed for the setup of a test centre in North Dublin. An update was provided by NOB. This has been reviewed in the previous 2 weeks and showed numbers had collapsed in the area compared to others. The CEO confirmed a commitment has been made and must be fulfilled asap.</p>	<p>NO'B, AOC and YON to progress test centre in Dublin North.</p>	<p>Ann O'Connor – Chief Operations Officer/ Niamh O'Beirne – HSE EMT/ Yvonne O'Neill – Community Operations</p>
6. Testing & Tracing Update			
	<p>An update was provided by Niamh O'Beirne, HSE. There has been a decrease in GP and close contact referrals. There was a 60% decrease over the weekend. Turnaround times remain positive, with 94% of people receiving a test within 24 hours. The volume going through labs is also dropping. Contact tracing will be returning to full PPA enhanced data questions from today.</p>	<p>Niamh O'Beirne to update at next meeting.</p>	<p>Niamh O'Beirne – HSE EMT</p>

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	<p>319 additional swabbing staff have been recruited. 350 contact tracing staff are now available with more due to come on board this week.</p> <p>The CEO requested a review of what can be recalibrated in terms of serial testing and protections for recruited personnel should there be another surge in cases.</p>		
7. Community Operation			
	<p>An update was provided by Yvonne O' Neill, Community Operations. Dublin is not currently a feature for nursing home outbreaks. The north east of the country has seen the highest rise in nursing home outbreaks. There are 14 nursing homes nationally being closely monitored, where the level of outbreak is of concern or premises have been on radar for few weeks but not moving off. There is probably 4 high on radar in terms of stability and need for staffing.</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p> <p>KK noted most outbreaks being monitored are smaller nursing homes with 20/30 beds.</p> <p>LD noted disability services and mental health services are also of concern. Within CHO7, there are 3 mental health</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>units closed to admissions with supports being provided from other CHO areas. Disabilities are reporting small outbreaks in a number of services which are now being included in the monitoring reports produced.</p> <p>SNÍB noted a diagnosis of severe mental health condition or ADHD are risk factors for contracting covid. This is not related to comorbidity issues, but associated with the immune response of persons with these conditions. This has been determined by a recently published American study.</p> <p>In relation to [REDACTED] this outbreak is now considered under control. PH remain in contact with the service.</p> <p>YO'N confirmed the first outbreak has been confirmed in a HSE homecare provider. There has been 8 HCW and 26 clients confirmed positive. This is being managed and is currently under control.</p>	<p>SNÍB to forward study to CEO.</p>	
8. Acute Operations			
	<p>An update was provided by Liam Woods. As of last night, there were 44 ICU admissions. Any trends are being monitored.</p>	<p>Liam Woods to provide update at next meeting.</p>	<p>Liam Woods – Acute Operations</p>

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	<p>The revised proposal for safety net group will be out to department today for agreement and Acutes are flagging the [REDACTED]</p> <p>Engagement is also due to take place with the department regarding NI issues.</p> <p>The CEO requested an update on private hospital agreements.</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p>		
9. Clinical Coalition			
	<p>An update was provided by Dr Colm Henry, CCO. In comparison to mainland Europe the trends within Ireland are positive.</p>	<p>Dr Colm Henry to update at next NCMT.</p>	<p>Dr Colm Henry – Chief Clinical Officer</p>
10. AOB			
11. NEXT MEETING			
	<p>NCMT #62 Tuesday, 10th November at 09:00hrs</p>	[REDACTED]	