



Meeting: National Crisis Management Team. Meeting#65 COVID-19.

Date: Tuesday 1st December 2020 @ 09.00hrs.

Members: Paul Reid, CEO; Ann O'Connor, COO; Dean Sullivan, CSPO; Tom McGuinness, AND National Emergency Management; Sean Bresnan, ND Procurement; Niamh O'Beirne, HSE EMT; Dr Colm Henry, CCO; Liam Woods, ND Acute Operations; Yvonne O'Neill, Community Operations; Martin Dunne, National Ambulance Service; Ray Mitchell, Parliamentary Affairs; Ann Marie Hoey, ND HR; Joe Ryan, ND National Services; Dr Martin Cormican, National Lead on Infection Control; Stephen Mulvany, CFO; Dr Lorraine Doherty, CL HPSC.

In Attendance: Amanda Prior, National Office for Emergency Management; Cara Regan Downey, National Office for Emergency Management; Dr Trish Markham, National Office for Emergency Management; Fidelma Browne for David Leach, Communications, Sara Maxwell for John Kelly, CEOs Office.

Apologies: Fran Thompson, CIO; David Leach, ND Communications; Dr Siobhan Ni Bhriain, National Lead Integrated Care; Dr Kevin Kelleher, AND Public Health; John Kelly, Corporate Affairs.

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1. INTRODUCTION			
	The CEO opened NCMT #65.		
2. PREVIOUS MINUTES			
	Minutes of NCMT #64 approved.		Cara Regan Downey
3. NPHET ACTION LOG			
	NPHET Action list circulated.	Being progressed by leads.	Dr Trish Markham
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5. PUBLIC HEALTH UPDATE			
	<p>Epidemiological update provided by LD. 306 new cases reported in the last 24 hours - decline noted. 14-day rate = 4,393 previously 6,000. 92.25 compared 126.8 to per 100,000 Incident rate highest in Donegal, Louth and Limerick.</p> <p>New Outbreaks.</p> <p>348 outbreaks noted on CIDR with 262 from private homes.</p> <p>6 in nursing homes.</p> <p>4 in vulnerable communities.</p> <p>10 in hospitals (particularly in the east).</p> <p>Monitoring closely as the economy opens up in December.</p>	Contingency Plan to be developed for Public Health strike and strike notice (LD & CH).	Dr Lorraine Doherty & Dr Kevin Kelleher
6. TESTING & TRACING			
	<p>Testing</p> <p>Recruitment at 500 for swabbers.</p> <p>Tracing</p>		Niamh O'Beirne

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	<p>Recruitment at 640 for tracers - aiming for 700 by next week.</p> <p>Capacity for over 1,000 cases and on track for 1,500 cases per day.</p> <p>Technology is in place to be deployed if needed – particular around close contacts. Link in place to allow close contacts make their own appointment for swabbing.</p> <p>Predicting capacity and a detailed plan to be available, including opening hours of testing, tracing, GP's OoH's etc.</p> <p>From the 8th December - source investigation to commence – i.e. previous 7-day contact tracing to be capture.</p> <p>An increase in laboratory capacity is on track - 25,000 tests per day by end of December.</p>		
7. COMMUNITY OPERATIONS			
	<p>Community services</p> <p>Engagement is continuing with a Kerry nursing home - not escalated further – engagement continues with local providers.</p> <p>6 new outbreaks in nursing homes.</p> <p>1 area of concern due to scale of spread.</p> <p>Week 5 of serial testing and positivity rate down to .35% v .5% last week.</p> <p>Serial testing programme being reviewed for disability and psychiatry of Old Age – capacity planning over Christmas.</p>	<p>Letter for Minister to be circulated before 1pm.</p> <p>Separate Allied Health Professionals versus others deployed for COVID community services.</p>	<p>Yvonne O'Neill</p>

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	<p>Detailed piece of work due to the provider base.</p> <p>PR referred to the letter to Minister Donnelly and noted he would like to have this submitted to Minister Donnelly before their 1pm call so it can be discussed.</p>		
8. ACUTE OPERATIONS			
	<p>10 new outbreaks in acute hospitals. MC reported that the learning from previous outbreaks = early rapid responses and screening rather than an incremental approach. Letterkenny – testing continues.</p> <p>LW reported that there was a call with SAOLTA and 138 staff are currently out with additional testing to take place today and tomorrow.</p> <p>LW thanked MC for supporting microbiology over weekend.</p> <p>MC noted that there is extensive testing going on in Letterkenny however it will get worse before it gets better.</p> <p>LW continued to give an update with regard to the Private Hospital Agreement and noted the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting was taking place this afternoon with the DOH re: the safety net. • Dialogues with hospitals re the tender for medical beds was ongoing. 	<p>Hospital and associated numbers to be reported to the CEO.</p>	<p>Liam Woods</p>

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	<p>Capacity and scope to be examined further – under temporary arrangements.</p> <p>SMV – any agreement with private hospitals that extending beyond the end 2021 will require separate arrangements.</p>	<p>Updated report to be submitted.</p>	
9. VACCINATIONS			
	<p>Vaccine Taskforce update by CEO</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proposal to be submitted to the Taoiseach Dec 11th – draft by Monday. • 4 HSE work streams. <p>SB gave an operational update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Order for Q4 allocations for 290,000 from Pfizer has been submitted – confirmation on order. • APA's – engagement scheduled for manufacturers to establish order process and allocations. • 9 ultra-low temp freezers due [REDACTED] – commence installation and be commissioned and scheduled for validation circa 11th December. • Press statement due for release by European Medicines Agency later today – indicative dates for regulatory approval on vaccines by last week in December. 		<p>Sean Bresnan</p>

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10. AOB			
		Paper circulated to board around governance structures – to be circulated to NCMT.	Dr Lorraine Doherty
NEXT MEETING			
	NCMT #66 Tuesday, 8th December 08.30 hrs.		