



Meeting: National Crisis Management Team. Meeting #66 COVID-19.

Date: Tuesday 8th December 2020 at 8.30am.

Members: Paul Reid, CEO; Ann O'Connor, COO; 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; Ann Marie Hoey, ND HR; Joe Ryan, ND National Services; Dr Martin Cormican, National Lead on Infection Control; Dr Kevin Kelleher, AND Public Health; Dr Lorraine Doherty, CL HPSC; Dr Siobhan Ni Bhriain, National Lead Integrated Care; John Kelly, Corporate Affairs.

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.

Apologies: Dean Sullivan, CSPO; Fran Thompson, CIO; David Leach, ND Communications; Ray Mitchell, Parliamentary Affairs; Stephen Mulvany, CFO.

Topic	Discussion	Action	Owner
1. INTRODUCTION			
	The CEO opened NCMT #66.		
2. PREVIOUS MINUTES			
	Minutes of NCMT #65 approved.		Cara Regan Downey
3. NPHET ACTION LOG			
	<p>NPHET Action list circulated.</p> <p>Action 148 – ‘Enhanced measures for the control of spread of COVID-19 in Acute Hospitals" and ‘Serial Testing of Health Care Workers in Acute Facilities’ AOC – paper developed and went to NHPET. CH convened a meeting yesterday – practicalities of roll out across a number of sites being examined – to start after Christmas - looking at model 3 and 4’s. Examining capacity for core hospital staff and other staff/services on site. Capacity for roll out being examined for January.</p> <p>CH – 2 areas being focused upon 1) enhanced IPC measures and 2) serial testing planning starting in model 2, 3 and 4 hospitals for roll out in early new year. Outbreak management continues with Public Health.</p> <p>NOB - Ciaran Browne to work with NOB to align work referral, swabbing, dashboard and monthly reporting etc. Preparing a paper on the process and revert to CH.</p>	<p>CH to submit checklist paper based on NPHET paper requirements to the CEO.</p>	Dr Trish Markham

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4. NCMT ACTION LOG			
	NCMT Action list.	Being progressed by leads.	Dr Trish Markham
5. PUBLIC HEALTH UPDATE			
	<p>Epidemiological update provided by LD. 14-day incidents = 3,842 previously 5193. 80.68 compared 109.5 to per 100,000 Incident rate highest in Donegal, Kilkenny and Louth. 242 new cases and 0 deaths reported in the last 24 hours - decline noted. It was noted that hospitalisations ICU admissions were down. New Outbreaks. 252 outbreaks noted on CIDR with 288 from private homes. 2 in vulnerable communities. A north south health protection meeting scheduled for tomorrow and this is an agenda item. 7 in hospitals. 1 in meat plants. 7 other work places. 5 in nursing homes. 31 ongoing outbreaks. Global patterns USA continues to have the highest number of accumulative cases followed by Brazil and India. Similar trends with deaths.</p> <p>Public Health and IMO strike.</p>		<p>Dr Lorraine Doherty</p> <p>Dr Colm Henry and Dr Lorraine Doherty</p>

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	Engaging separately and shortly. Need an outline of a recommended Plan for discussion with unions and resilience.	Plan outline to be developed for discussion and resilience – submit to CEO.	
6. TESTING & TRACING			
	<p>NOB - Source investigations commence today and that all contact tracing partners are places across all sites.</p> <p>Work ongoing to predicting case number and volume for swabbing and tracing.</p> <p>Resource Plan for Christmas has been sent to PR. ? 2 pieces missing - PH and OoHs GP.</p>	Resource Plan for Christmas to be finalised.	<p>Niamh O’Beirne</p> <p>Dr Colm Henry</p>
7. COMMUNITY OPERATIONS			
	<p>Community services</p> <p>YON reported that that nursing home = half the number of outbreaks in community centres.</p> <p>Serial rate = .22% of all staff tested – which is 10 times lower than community. Lowest level of outbreaks in a month – may be influenced by the lifting of restrictions.</p> <p>A piece of work by CNU in Limerick, looked at following an outbreak how staff work who work across different centres and who are family and who work across different centres and the influence on clusters.</p>		Yvonne O’Neill

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	PR thanked all multi-disciplinary teams for their ongoing work in the Community Services.		
8. ACUTE OPERATIONS			
	<p>MC – In Letterkenny, testing continues and multiple meetings have taken place and support giving as needed. New cases in staff have come to light through the mass testing. Positivity = 1.5% of all case tested positive. Outbreaks - higher in wards and lower in other hospital areas. Staffing issues continues. Across the county numbers have fallen.</p> <p>Work is ongoing on NPHE letter to tighten areas of infection control. PR asked MC if there are requirements that need to be implement now.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Testing of all adult admissions scheduled and unscheduled. AOC and LW working with hospitals to progress. 28 ED's are currently testing on admission. • Staff attending work who are symptomatic. AMH noted that a circular has been reissued in this regard noting that agency staff are not to be disadvantaged with regard to pay. • HCW - 2 areas - 1) exposure to each other 2) patient exposure. A strong 	<p>Memo to be circulated.</p>	<p>Liam Woods</p> <p>Anne Marie Hoey</p>

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	<p>message is to be sent with regard to social distancing.</p> <p>CH reported that the NPHET paper will be transposed into a check list for hospitals.</p> <p>KK – similar process to be implemented in the community.</p>		
9. VACCINATIONS			
	<p>SB - Working towards Friday for submission of the strategy document to government.</p> <p>Correspondence received overnight from Pfizer indicating that they will be ready over the next 24 – 36 hours to discuss stock allocation. This will provide visibility on what to expect and when.</p>		Sean Bresnan
10. AOB			
NEXT MEETING			
	<p>NCMT #67 Tuesday, 15th December 09.00 hrs.</p>		