



Meeting: National Crisis Management Team. Meeting#67 COVID-19.

Date: Tuesday 15th December 2020 at 09.00am.

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 Siobhan Ni Bhriain, National Lead Integrated Care, John Kelly, Corporate Affairs, Dean Sullivan, CSPO; Fran Thompson, CIO; David Leach, ND Communications; Ray Mitchell, Parliamentary Affairs; Stephen Mulvany, CFO.

In Attendance: Cara Regan Downey, National Office for Emergency Management; Dr Trish Markham, National Office for Emergency Management.

Apologies: Dr Lorraine Doherty, CL HPSC.

Topic	Discussion	Action	Owner
1. INTRODUCTION			
	The CEO opened NCMT #67.		
2. PREVIOUS MINUTES			
	Minutes of NCMT #66 approved.		Cara Regan Downey
3. NPHET ACTION LOG			
	NPHET Action list circulated.	Review actions next week.	Dr Trish Markham
4. NCMT ACTION LOG			
	NCMT Action list.	Being progressed by leads.	Dr Trish Markham
5. PUBLIC HEALTH UPDATE			
	<p>Epidemiological update provided by KK. 280 – 300 cases per day. 14-day incidents over 80 per 100,000. Highest rates in Donegal, Kilkenny and Louth. Hospitalisations = 205. ICU admissions = 33. 7-day rate = over 50% - slowly increasing. Expecting to see the impact of the relaxation of level 5 restrictions this weekend resulting from socialising 10 days ago. Outbreaks 410 in the last week. 230 in Private homes. 19 in Schools. 9 in Hospitals. 3 in Residential. 4 in Nursing Homes.</p>		Dr Lorraine Doherty

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	<p>Decline in the numbers from peak in middle of November.</p> <p>Internationally - 71 million cases worldwide. Over 1.5 million deaths. USA, India and Brazil have the highest cases.</p> <p>PR – Thanked everyone and MC for their work.</p>		
6. TESTING & TRACING			
	<p>Testing - Document being developed with detail cover across all parts of the pathways, including patient facing, laboratories and support functions. Need to match it with Public Health.</p> <p>Swabbing - Discussed with CHOs. 4 sites open and NAS on full capacity. Modelling shared.</p> <p>YON – Expecting plans to be returned tomorrow 16/12/20 with the modelling information provided to them.</p> <p>Watching trends – positivity rates going up.</p> <p>Moving to one test on close contacts in line with the model - will keep within laboratory and swabbing capacity.</p>	<p>CEO requested that document be completed by week end and published (MC to organise communication re same).</p>	<p>Niamh O’Beirne</p>
7. COMMUNITY OPERATIONS			
	<p>Community services</p> <p>YON drew attention to reducing numbers.</p> <p>Profile for community nursing units being monitor.</p>		<p>Yvonne O’Neill</p>

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	<p>Concerns about outbreaks around Limerick and CHO 8 (Louth and Meath) - being watchful and monitoring staff availability and managing outbreaks. General trend is positive. PR – Thanked all team members.</p>		
8. ACUTE OPERATIONS			
	<p>The number of positive cases are down significantly. Weekly data showing improvement. Monitoring trends in the community. Staying vigilant and ensuring that outbreaks are well managed.</p> <p>CH – Reference outbreaks in meat factories. Outbreak Control Teams for hospitals in place - continuity and escalation of the measures put together to control entry of the virus into hospitals and the dissemination when it gets in.</p> <p>Overall - no other major infections – paediatric respiratory syncytial virus or flu reported in hospitals. These areas can cause surge – current situation will assist with system pressure over Christmas. Pressures - availability of staff or absenteeism. Some pressure on 1-2 sites. Open beds where possible. Controlling elective workloads. 1-2 sites of concern being monitored.</p>		Liam Woods

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9. VACCINATIONS			
	PR - Vaccination Roll out - Launch this afternoon at 2pm. Details of the various aspect of the programme from a HSE perspective include; Logistics, storage, model, supply chain consumables, delivery locations for distribution – workforce who will be administrating - system – ICT – delivery system – prioritisation of population groups.	Address key issues and focus on strong messaging.	Sean Bresnan
10. CLINICAL COALITION			
	G.P. Out of Hours cover for completion – will follow up on progress after call. Including integration piece.	JK – Final document by Friday (with whole suite included from GP referral to testing and tracing).	Dr Colm Henry
11. AOB			
	SNB - Minister looking for information on student nurses through the Chief Nursing Officer. The Directors of Nursing are happy that students are on placement and being supported and supervised properly.	Share detail that is available.	Dr Siobhan Ni Bhriain
NEXT MEETING			
	NCMT #68 Tuesday, 22nd December 09.00hrs.		