



Meeting: National Crisis Management Team. Meeting#71 COVID-19.

Date: Tuesday 19th January 2021 @ 09:00am.

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

In Attendance: Dr Trish Markham, National Office for Emergency Management; Sinéad Fox, Office for Emergency Management.

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1. INTRODUCTION			
	The CEO opened NCMT #71.		
2. PREVIOUS MINUTES			
	Minutes of NCMT #70 approved.		Sinéad Fox
3. NPHET ACTION LOG			
	Review of actions deferred until next meeting.		Dr Trish Markham
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5. PUBLIC HEALTH UPDATE			
	<p>LD - Epidemiological update.</p> <p>66,866 cases over last 14-day period. Median age 39yrs. 62.4% of cases <45yrs. Monaghan has highest rate of 2749.8/100K. National incidence rate of 1404.198/100K. Hospitalisations: 2,553. ICU Admissions: 140. Deaths: 211. 2,121 new cases and 8 new deaths reported in last 24hrs, with median age of 85yrs. 5 deaths related to outbreaks.</p> <p>Outbreaks - Week 2 293 new outbreaks in the last week.</p>		Dr Lorraine Doherty

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	<p>44 in Nursing Homes, with 368 lab confirmed linked cases. 4 in Community hospital/long stay units. 37 in hospitals-details in report. 21 in Disability Centres. Workplace Outbreaks 6 in Meat factory. 2 in Manufacturing. 22 outbreaks in Childcare and Schools. 8 in Schools and 14 in Childcare Facilities. KK- work ongoing with Education to reopen schools. Outbreaks in Disability Centres and Homeless services as well as among Irish Travellers and Direct Provision Centres.</p> <p>Globally - USA, India and Brazil have the highest cumulative cases and deaths.</p>		
6. COMMUNITY OPERATIONS			
	<p>YO'N: Risk being escalated since Friday last. Corresponded directly with HIQA and Dept. of Health regarding same. High number of outbreaks in nursing homes. Approx. 26% of nursing homes have an outbreak. This is having an impact on staffing.</p> <p>Support from NMPDU colleagues. A decision was made last week to pause student nurse clinical placements for 1st-3rd year students, this will release 60</p>		<p>Anne O'Connor Yvonne O'Neill</p>

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	<p>clinical placement co-ordinators to support community and hospitals.</p> <p>HSE continues to provide support to private nursing homes. Challenges exist with staff shortages. Supporting governance and management issues on nursing home outbreaks.</p> <p>There are a number of nursing homes that remain of concern - increase in number of deaths.</p> <p>Mental Health, Disability and Addiction Services - high number of outbreaks in these service areas. Previously redeployed staff are now not available for redeployment as they are managing these outbreaks.</p> <p>Mental health services - unresolved industrial action remains.</p> <p>AO'C: City West at capacity.</p>		
7. GENERAL SURGE PREPAREDNESS			
	<p>PPE: Proactively circulating high demand stock to the system. Adjustments will be made pending on fluctuation to demand.</p> <p>LW – Evidence based precautions have not changed. FFP2 masks to be made</p>	<p>Revised guidance circulated by CH regarding PPE use.</p>	<p>Sean Bresnan</p>

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	<p>available to staff who feel they need to use same.</p> <p>Oxygen: No supply issues.</p> <p>Equipment: No supply issues.</p>		
8. ACUTE OPERATIONS			
	<p>LW - Slight reduction in admitted Covid cases overnight. ICU Covid admissions remain high. 312 ICU beds are occupied and 330 open beds.</p> <p>Inpatients admissions continue to be monitored.</p> <p>In addition to the ICU patients there are > 200 patients being non-invasively ventilated and receiving high acuity care on wards by intensivists which is assisting with ICU capacity.</p> <p>O₂ supply and equipment supply being monitored - no issues.</p> <p>Patient transfer for critical care: 2-3 patients being transferred daily by critical care recovery services. Primarily transferring from smaller hospitals who have reached their capacity to larger hospitals with critical care capacity.</p>		Liam Woods
9. HR			
	YO'N: Number of residential services staff on leave is still increasing.		Anne Marie Hoey

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	<p>LW: Previously the number of healthcare workers on Covid leave remained high for a few weeks after the numbers began to reduce in the community.</p> <p>NPHEP endorsed the decision regarding the return of healthcare workers to work on day 10 if they have a negative swab result rather than day 14, when they are a close contact.</p> <p>82 Acute outbreaks – Laboratories running at +60% to deal with surge.</p> <p>CH: Derogation is used when all other measures are exhausted. This is separate to NPHEP decision. Healthcare household close contacts have high positivity. Circular to be issued on this.</p>		
10. AOB			
NEXT MEETING			
	<p>NCMT #72 Tuesday, 26th January 2021 @ 08:30hrs.</p>		