

**Meeting:** NCMT 73# COVID-19.

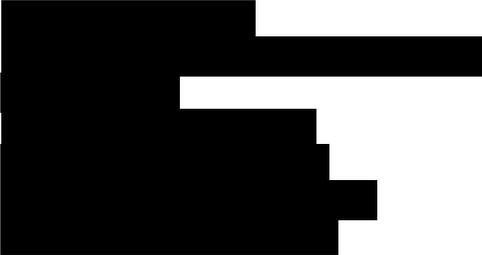
**Date:** Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2021 @ 09:00am.

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

**Apologies:** Dr Kevin Kelleher, AND Public Health; Dr Siobhán Ni Bhriain, National Lead Integrated Care; Yvonne O'Neill, Community Operations.

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

Topic	Discussion	Action	Owner
<b>1. INTRODUCTION</b>			
	The CEO opened NCMT #73.		
<b>2. PREVIOUS MINUTES</b>			
	Minutes of NCMT #72 approved.		Sinéad Fox
<b>3. NPHET ACTION LOG</b>			
	4 new actions - all being progressed. 6 other actions being advanced. #145 Update - SARS-CoV-2 wastewater surveillance in Ireland - continues to be progressed.		Dr Trish Markham
<b>4. NCMT ACTION LOG</b>			
	1 action remains open - #131.		Dr Trish Markham
<b>5. PUBLIC HEALTH UPDATE</b>			
	LD: Epidemiological update.  22,749 cases over last 14-day period. Median age 41yrs. 55.6% of cases <45yrs. National incidence rate of 478.68/100K. Monaghan incidence rate has decreased - remains highest rate in country with 990.5/100K. Hospitalisations: 1,536. ICU Admissions: 55. Deaths: 143. 1,062 new cases and 10 new deaths reported in last 24hrs, with median age of 79yrs. 6 deaths related to outbreaks.		Dr Lorraine Doherty

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	<p>Outbreaks - Week 4  196 new outbreaks in the last week.  37 in private houses-of note these outbreaks begin with community transmission.</p>  <p>Workplace Outbreaks  5 in meat/poultry factory.  2 in construction.  16 in childcare and schools.</p> <p>Globally - USA, India and Brazil have the highest cumulative cases. USA, Brazil and Mexico have the highest deaths.</p> <p>UK Variant (VOC 202012/01) has been identified in 73 countries, approx. 38,900 cases.  South African variant (501.V2) has been identified in 33 countries, approx. 850 cases.  Brazilian variant (P.1) has been identified in 9 countries, approx. 60 cases. Not yet identified in Ireland.</p>		

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<b>6. COMMUNITY OPERATIONS</b>			
	<p>AO'C: 10 nursing homes are of a significant concern including one in the Mid-West - HIQA involved.</p> <p>Rate of outbreaks have started to reduce. Remains a challenge to support all nursing homes.</p> <p>Approximately 300 staff have been redeployed to nursing home care, primarily older persons' residential facilities.</p> <p>Significant staff numbers still on COVID related leave.</p>		<p>Anne O'Connor Yvonne O'Neill</p>
<b>7. ACUTE OPERATIONS</b>			
	<p>LW: Meeting of subgroup of AMRIC held yesterday. Hospital acquired cases to 24/01/21 is 271.</p> <p>142 open outbreaks. Slight reduction, still high.</p> <p>Laboratory confirmed cases - 728.</p> <p>ICU - pressure remains high, including non-invasive ventilation.</p> <p>Work ongoing with private hospitals - re capacity of 30%.</p> <p>MC: Weekly meeting with the hospital groups demonstrates high engagement levels and all are focused on the management of outbreaks.</p>		<p>Liam Woods</p>

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<b>8. TESTING &amp; TRACING</b>			
	<p><b>Testing:</b> 5-day close contact testing recommenced on 29/01/21. 7,440 referrals for testing yesterday - a 15% reduction on last week numbers. Less than 1,000 positives reported in laboratory results over the past two days.</p> <p><b>Serial testing:</b> Nursing homes returned to Bi weekly testing since 01/02/2021. Weekly for 3/52 in January. Mental health and disability serial testing commenced on 25/01/21. Serial testing in the acute setting has been deferred for 1/52.</p> <p><b>Antigen Testing:</b> 500,000 were circulated to hospitals and guidance given on the use of antigen testing. A tracking and reporting system is in place.</p> <p><b>Contact Tracing:</b> Reintroduced the longer Participation Provider Agreement (PPA) but not full PPA - up to 20 questions. Full PPA will be reinstated in the coming days.</p>	NO'B to provide report on use of antigen testing.	Niamh O'Beirne
<b>9. AOB</b>			
	AO'C: City West: There is admission criteria in place for City West. Same requires communication to promote understanding the purpose of the facility.	Letter to be scripted for submission to the Dept. of Health.	Anne O'Connor

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<b>NEXT MEETING</b>			
	<b>NCMT #74</b> Tuesday, 9 <sup>th</sup> February 2021 @ 09:00hrs.		