

**Meeting:** National Crisis Management Team Meeting. **Meeting #16, COVID-19.**

**Date:** Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2020 @ 08:30pm.

**Attendance:**

**Member** - Paul Reid, CEO HSE; Dean Sullivan CSPO; Stephen Mulvaney, CFO; Liam Woods, ND Acute operations; Paul Connors ND National Communications, Sean Bresnan, ND Procurement; Annemarie Hoey, ND Human Resources; Fran Thompson, Chief Information Officer; Martin Dunne, Director National Ambulance Service; John Kelly, Head of Corporate Affairs; Tom McGuinness, AND National Emergency Management: Joe Ryan, ND National Services; David Walsh, Community Operations; Phillip Crowley (for Colm Henry).

**Subject Matter Experts** –Ciaran Browne, Acute Operations; Dr Kevin Kelleher, AND Public Health; Annemarie Part, AND Environmental Health.

**In Attendance** - Dr Trish Markham, National Emergency Management; Cahir O’Byrne National Emergency Management; Alan Smith, Department of Health; Amanda Prior, National Emergency Management; Prof Colm Bergin, St James Hospital; Ray Mitchell, Parliamentary Affairs Division.

**Apologies:** Colm Henry, CCO.

**Minutes:**

Topic	Discussion	Action	Owner
1.			
<b><u>INTRODUCTION:</u></b>	<p>The Chief Executive Officer (CEO) opened the 16<sup>th</sup> meeting of the NCMT.</p> <p>The CEO expressed thanks to all for their hard work over the weekend.</p> <p>The CEO highlighted the importance of social distancing within the workplace.</p> <p>The CEO informed that the Minister for Health's planned visit to the Integrated National Operations Hub this morning.</p>		
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<b><u>ACTIONS UPDATES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING:</u></b>	The CEO requested action updates be provided at NCMT #17.	The action list will be updated as necessary to reflect actions remaining open/closed off on running action log.	HSE National Emergency Management – Cahir O'Byrne
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<b><u>IMO BOARDS:</u></b>			

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<b><u>NATIONAL INTEGRATED OPERATIONS HUB:</u></b>	<p>An update was provided by the COO.</p> <p>Testing within the community has been developed with 17 sites identified and more to follow. It will go live on Monday afternoon subject to receipt of PPE and testing kits.</p> <p>It is envisaged there will be capacity to swab 2,000 people per day as part of the test process when fully operational.</p>		
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<b><u>GP Update:</u></b>	<p>GPs are seeking clarification around the definition of their roles through the various stages of COVID-19.</p>		
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<b><u>PROCUREMENT:</u></b>	<p>An update was provided by procurement. Securing of PPE supplies is still proving challenging. Procurement are focused on two key areas;</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. General PPE supplies</li> <li>2. Ventilators.</li> </ol> <p>A primacy of supply arrangement has been sought [REDACTED]</p>	<p>Discussions are well advanced with a Chinese state supplier. If a contract is agreed, this supply could meet a significant part of the identified needs for PPE.</p>	<p>ND Procurement</p>

	respect of ventilators, discussions are on-going.		
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<b><u>COMMUNICATIONS:</u></b>	<p>An update was provided by Communications. Spokespersons for the HSE continue to engage with media. COVID-19 adverts continue to play on radio and TV nationally.</p> <p>There has been support from RTÉ and private companies in providing advertising slots and assistance in the production of adverts to support the Public Health messaging.</p> <p>The call centre is continuing to experience increased demands with 124,000 calls received on Saturday. Call Centre capacity to increase daily over the coming week.</p> <p>Press conferences will now take place virtually in accordance with social distancing best practice.</p>	on-going	ND Communications. CIO

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<b><u>CONTACT TRACING:</u></b>	<p>An update was provided regarding contact tracing. There is a requirement to increase capacities further to support surveillance.</p> <p>7 additional hospital laboratories will be used for increased testing capacity.</p>		AND PH: HPSC: CCO: NVRL
<b><u>NEXT MEETINGS</u></b>	<p>The next meeting of the NCMT will be as follows:</p> <p><b>NCMT #17 Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2020 at 09:00.</b></p>		HSE National Emergency Management – Cahir O’Byrne