

**Meeting:** National Crisis Management Team. Meeting #94 COVID-19.

**Date:** Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> July 2021 @ 09:00am.

**Members:** Paul Reid, CEO; Anne Marie Hoey, ND HR; Dr Colm Henry, CCO; Joe Ryan, ND National Services; Dr Kevin Kelleher, AND Public Health; Liam Woods, ND Acute Operations; Dr Martin Cormican, National Lead on Infection Control; Niamh O'Beirne, HSE EMT; Ray Mitchell, Parliamentary Affairs; Sean Bresnan, ND Procurement; Dr Siobhán Ní Bhriain, National Lead Integrated Care; Stephen Mulvany, CFO; Tom McGuinness, AND National Emergency Management; Yvonne O'Neill, Community Operations, Yvonne Goff, ND Change & Innovation (for Dean Sullivan); John Swords, Head of Procurement.

**In Attendance:** Dr Trish Markham, National Office for Emergency Management; Sinéad Fox, NiSRP Programme/NCMT Secretary.

**Apologies:** Anne O'Connor, COO; Damien McCallion, ND COVID Vaccination Lead; Dean Sullivan, CSPO.

Topic	Discussion	Action	Owner
<b>1. INTRODUCTION</b>			
	The CEO opened NCMT #94.		
<b>2. PREVIOUS MINUTES</b>			
	Minutes of NCMT #93 approved.		Sinéad Fox
<b>3. NPHET ACTION LOG</b>			
	Review of actions deferred.		Dr Trish Markham
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<b>5. PUBLIC HEALTH UPDATE</b>			
	<p>KK: Epidemiology Update.</p> <p>There has been an increase in cases over the last few weeks. There is a slight rise in COVID-19 positive hospital admissions, including ICU admissions. This trend is being experienced throughout Europe. The Delta Variant is still a variant of concern and is now the primary COVID-19 virus in Ireland.</p> <p>6,932 cases over last 14-day period.  Median age 24yrs.  86.4% of cases &lt;45yrs.  National incidence rate of 145.6/100K.  Counties with the highest 14-day incidence rate are Donegal at</p>		Dr Kevin Kelleher

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	<p>446.0/100K, Louth at 203.3/100K and Limerick at 200.6/100K.  A total of 5,006 deaths have been reported up to midnight 09/07/21.  600 new cases reported in last 24hrs.</p> <p><b>Outbreaks - Week 26*</b>  *Provisional data, may change, subject to validation.  121 new outbreaks notified in the last week.  zero in nursing homes and community hospitals/long-stay unit.  2 in residential care facilities.  1 in hospitals.  5 travel related.  0 in vulnerable populations.  19 workplace outbreaks.  22 in schools.  2 in childcare facilities.</p> <p><b>Global Epidemiology</b>  USA, India and Brazil have the highest number of cumulative cases and cumulative deaths.</p> <p><b>COVID-19 Variants</b>  Brazilian/Gamma variant P1, 29 cases identified in Ireland.  South African/Beta variant B.1.351, 72 cases identified in Ireland.  Indian/Delta variant B.1.617.2, 639 cases identified in Ireland.</p>		

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<b>6. COMMUNITY OPERATIONS</b>			
	<p>YO'N: Working with Chief Officers to balance the re-opening of day services in the context of the risk of the next/4<sup>th</sup> COVID-19 wave.</p> <p>Guidance/direction needed on vaccination of staff and the deployment of unvaccinated staff including operational considerations and the balance of risk.</p>		Yvonne O'Neill
<b>7. ACUTE OPERATIONS</b>			
	<p>LW: There are 62 COVID-19 positive patients in hospital, 16 of which are in ICU, 11 ventilated.</p> <p>CH: CH and JC reviewing the data. Reviewing hospital admissions data including age of admissions to identify trends/early warning signs.</p> <p>LW: Emergency Departments are busy. Scheduled care is being progressed where possible, safely. The cyber-attack continues to impact some sites.</p> <p>Safety-Net2 Agreement remains in place until Dec 2021 if required, and can be reviewed for extension if required.</p>		Liam Woods

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	<p>Tender/Framework in development for provision of scheduled care. This agreement is under constant review.</p> <p>MC: 2 hospital acquired cases up to 04/07/21, must remain vigilant. Reinforcing messaging to hospitals re confirming vaccination status of patients.</p>		
<b>8. TESTING &amp; TRACING</b>			
	<p><b>Testing:</b> 17% increase in testing this week compared to last week. Testing on Sunday was very busy, with one site reporting 1,400 tests, highest number for a Sunday. Yesterday had similar number of tests to last Monday approx. 13,000.</p> <p>Positivity rate is rising, at 5.7% yesterday. With some test sites having a positivity rate as high as 15%.</p> <p>Moving to online booking/scheduling should help with planning, rather than managing an unknown number of walk-in tests.</p> <p>Antigen testing, supplies have started to arrive. Working on logistics of same at testing sites. Antigen pilot progressing,</p>		Niamh O'Beirne

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	plan to make a public announcement later this week re same.		
<b>9. PROCUREMENT</b>			
	<p>JS: Good level of PPE stocks exist. Further orders of examination gloves in Q3, 2021 planned.</p> <p>Following KPMG audit findings, a mandate is being drafted for those sites who order their own PPE stock to commence using stocks from centralised stores.</p>		John Swords
<b>NEXT MEETING</b>			
	<b>NCMT #95 Tuesday, 20<sup>th</sup> July 2021 @ 09:00.</b>		