

**Meeting:** National Crisis Management Team. Meeting #117 COVID-19.

**Date:** Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> April 2022 @ 09:00 hrs.

**Members:** Paul Reid, CEO; Anne O'Connor, COO; Stephen Mulvany, CFO; Dr Colm Henry, CCO; Dr Lorraine Doherty, CL HPSC Anne Marie Hoey, ND HR; Liam Woods ND Acute Hospitals; Fran Thompson CIO; John Swords, ND Head of Procurement; Ray Mitchell, Parliamentary Affairs; Yvonne O'Neill, Community Operations; Tom McGuinness, AND Emergency Management; Robert Morton, Director NAS; Dr Siobhán Ní Bhriain, National Lead Integrated Care; Patrick Lynch, ND Governance and Risk; Mark Brennock, ND Communications.

**In Attendance:** Cahir O'Byrne, National Office for Emergency Management.

**Apologies:** Dean Sullivan, CSPO; Damien McCallion, ND COVID Vaccination & Test & Tracing Lead; Dr Máirín Boland, National Clinical Lead, HTEPP; Geraldine Smith, Internal Audit; Dr Eimear Brannigan, CL on Infection Control; Joe Ryan, ND Operational Performance and Integration.

Topic	Discussion	Action	Owner
<b>1. INTRODUCTION</b>			
	The CEO opened NCMT #117. <b>NCMT</b> – CEO noted the improved epidemiological position.		Paul Reid
<b>2. PREVIOUS MINUTES</b>			
	Minutes of NCMT #116 approved.		Cahir O’Byrne
<b>3. NPHET ACTION LOG</b>			
	Update deferred.		Tom McGuinness
<b>4. NCMT ACTION LOG</b>			
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<b>5. PUBLIC HEALTH UPDATE</b>			
	<p><b>LD:</b> Summary of the last 14-day period (up to 100422).</p> <p><b>Case numbers</b> – 50,290 representing a significant decrease from 89,425 cases in the preceding 14-day period. 5-day moving average – 2,381 compared to 7,639 in the preceding 14-day period.</p> <p><b>National incidence</b> – 1,056 per 100k compared to 1,878 in the preceding 14-day period.</p> <p><b>Outbreaks - Week 12 *</b> *Provisional data may change, subject to validation. 133 outbreaks in the last week. 45 in nursing homes.</p>		Dr Lorraine Doherty

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	<p>11 in community hospitals/long-stay unit. 48 in residential care facilities. 11 in other healthcare services. 12 in acute hospitals. 3 in vulnerable populations.</p> <p>Hospital cases – 987. ICU cases – 55.</p> <p>A review of nursing home outbreaks is underway. Key areas of the review presented.</p> <p>The original 28-day guidance was based on an incubation period of 12/14 days whereas Omicron has an incubation period of 3/5 days suggesting that a 10-day quarantine may suffice.</p>	<p>CEO asked CCO to circulate a note with proposals to update the 28-day guidance.</p>	<p>Dr Colm Henry</p>
<b>6. COMMUNITY OPERATIONS</b>			
	<p><b>YON:</b> The level of support being provided to private nursing homes by the HSE is being reviewed.</p>		<p>Yvonne O’Neill</p>
<b>7. ACUTE OPERATIONS</b>			
	<p><b>LW:</b> Hospital numbers are at 987. Staff related Covid absenteeism remains high and DTOC numbers are also high.</p> <p><b>AOC:</b> Staffing levels and DTOC remain as key issues.</p>		<p>Liam Woods</p> <p>Anne O’Connor</p>

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9. AOB			
NEXT MEETING			
	NCMT Covid-19 #118 Tuesday, 26 <sup>th</sup> April 2022 @ 09.00hrs.		