

**Meeting:** National Crisis Management Team. Meeting #118 COVID-19.

**Date:** Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> April 2022 @ 09:00 hrs.

**Members:** Paul Reid, CEO; Dr Colm Henry, CCO; Dr Lorraine Doherty, CL HPSC; Anne Marie Hoey, ND HR; Liam Woods ND Acute Hospitals; Fran Thompson CIO; Joe Ryan, ND Operational Performance and Integration; Damien McCallion, ND COVID Vaccination & Test & Tracing Lead; Ray Mitchell, Parliamentary Affairs; Yvonne O'Neill, Community Operations; Dr Máirín Boland, National Clinical Lead, HTEPP; 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; Tara Rowe, National Office for Emergency Management.

**Apologies:** Anne O'Connor, COO; Dean Sullivan, CSPO; Dr Eimear Brannigan, CL on Infection Control; Stephen Mulvany, CFO; John Swords, ND Head of Procurement.

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<b>1. INTRODUCTION</b>			
	The CEO opened NCMT #118. <b>NCMT</b> - CEO noted the improved epidemiological position. NCMT meeting requirements will continue to be assessed at each meeting.		Paul Reid
<b>2. PREVIOUS MINUTES</b>			
	Minutes of NCMT #117 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 240422).</p> <p><b>Case numbers</b> – 19,839 representing a significant decrease from 50,262 cases in the preceding 14-day period.</p> <p>5 day moving average: 1,181 compared to 2,379 in the previous 14-day period.</p> <p><b>National incidence</b> – 417 per 100k compared to 1,056 in the preceding 14-day period.</p> <p><b>Outbreaks - Week 16 *</b></p> <p>*Provisional data may change, subject to validation.</p> <p>42 new outbreaks in the last week.</p> <p>17 in nursing homes.</p>		Dr Lorraine Doherty

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	<p>1 in community hospitals/long-stay unit. 15 in residential care facilities. 1 in other healthcare services. 5 in acute hospitals. 3 in vulnerable populations.</p> <p>There were 1,058 newly confirmed cases notified to CIDR on 24.04.2022 and 1,188 self-reported antigen test results uploaded on 24.04.2022.</p> <p>Omicron BA1 and BA2 remains the dominant variant at present.</p>		
<b>6. COMMUNITY OPERATIONS</b>			
	<p><b>YO’N:</b> The number of open outbreaks has reduced. Rates of outbreaks have reduced from 75% to 54% compared to 2 weeks ago.</p> <p>Updated guidelines have been notified to LTRCF reducing the quarantine period from 28 days to 14 days since the last notified case.</p>		Yvonne O’Neill
<b>7. ACUTE OPERATIONS</b>			
	<p><b>LW:</b> Hospitals numbers are at 477.</p> <p>Late transfers of care remains high. Staff Covid related absenteeism has reduced and this will provide capacity to</p>		Liam Woods

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	support and respond to healthcare challenges.		
<b>8. TESTING &amp; TRACING</b>			
	<b>DMcC:</b> Community Referrals – PCR dropped by 30% week on week. Antigen dropped by 50% week on week. GP referrals dropped to below 1,000 for the first time in a number of months.		Damien McCallion
<b>9. AOB</b>			
<b>NEXT MEETING</b>			
	<b>NCMT Covid 19 #119 Tuesday, 10<sup>th</sup> May 2022 @ 08.30hrs.</b>		