

Minutes
Research Subgroup of Expert Advisory Group
3 April 2020, 4pm (by telecall)

Present: Colm Bergin (Co-Chair), Cliona O'Farrelly (Co-Chair), Mark Ferguson, Mairead O'Driscoll,
 Ana Terres

(Apologies – Teresa Maguire, Siobhán O'Sullivan)

ITEM	Discussion	ACTIONS
1	Draft Minutes from previous meeting on 31 March 2020 not circulated yet so will be reviewed at next meeting	TM to circulate for review
2	Membership CB confirmed that Orla Feely from UCD will join the group as the VP Research of Universities nomination	TM to add contact details to the email list for the subgroup
3	Clinical Trials <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - WHO Solidarity Trial: Practical details being progressed by DoH/HRB/CRCI/HPRA - Connection made with Medicines Management in HSE to input into all trial discussions and operations - For other trials beyond SOLIDARITY and RECAPMAP <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Strategy and process required to support the subgroup in our assessment and subsequent recommendations to NPHEt for national priority trials; HRB developing a mechanism & process that might support this and MOD will circulate for review - A lot of interest in investigator-led trials through HRB call- needs national coordination - HRB gathering more information on community trial (Oxford) 	<p>TM and MoD to update on WHO SOLIDARITY Trial at next meeting</p> <p>MOD to circulate draft process for assessment/recommendations on national priority trials</p> <p>Discussion on potential options for covid trials in a community setting to be discussed at future meetings</p>
4	Serology/Immunology COF/CB updated: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The group has met twice virtually to discuss this issue - They are developing a paper with an assessment and proposing key recommendations - paper will be circulated for review by the subgroup - if agreeable to the subgroup, this paper will be circulated to the EAG (for them to consider and to advise NPHEt) 	<p>COF to circulate paper to subgroup for review</p> <p>CB to engage with Chair EAG to table at EAG (and then NPHEt)</p>
5	Infrastructure (Biobanks, registries/data) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - agreed that we need to develop a Framework to ensure a national and coordinated approach to investment/impact 	To be discussed at next meeting of this group
6	Communication Need a communication mechanism for research community	All to consider
7	AOB MF noted that 80 groups around the world are developing contact tracing apps. SFI wishes to connect with the appropriate clinical/NPHEt person to discuss so can make decisions about those expressing capability in this space through the SFI call	

Date of Next Meeting: Tuesday 7 April at 4pm (Telecall)