

Minutes
Research Subgroup of Expert Advisory Group
8th May 2020, 4pm (by telecall)

Present: Colm Bergin (Co-Chair), Cliona O’Farrelly (Co-Chair), Mark Ferguson, Ana Terres, Ivan Perry, Stephen Kinsella, Ivan Perry, Orla Feely, Sarah Gibney, Teresa Maguire, Mairéad O’Driscoll, Siobhán O’Sullivan.

ITEM	Discussion	ACTIONS
1.	Draft Minutes from 5th May 2020 -Reviewed and approved	
2.	Conflict of Interest Declarations - None declared	COI to remain an active agenda item on all meetings
3.	Clinical Trials paper - Further to enquiries as to the status of the clinical trials paper (and associated process), the group received an update on the process to date - Members agreed that, for the avoidance of any confusion, a fully updated version of the paper will be produced (taking into account all feedback received to date) and the updated paper be made available to EAG and NPHE - communications with the research community will include the nature and scope of the process - The D/Health will correspond directly with those that submitted queries to them	Version 2 paper to be circulated for review to the group and submit to EAG and NPHE
4.	SCOPI study - The status of the feedback captured at the last meeting was discussed by the group - It was clarified that the commentary is being prepared in line with the REAG terms of reference. - The group noted that the issues outlined in the group commentary may be addressed by the study group already. - The matter of bio-banking was reiterated.	REAG feedback to issue back to EAG
5.	Research Document - A member updated the group on the feedback on the paper from D/Taoiseach - The latest version of the paper has not yet been circulated to other Government Departments by D/Taoiseach - The group discussed making modest final	

	<p>changes to the paper</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The group agreed that the final paper will be submitted to EAG and then NPHEAT, and further engagement with D/Taoiseach and the Senior Officials Group was discussed - Communication to raise awareness of the paper with relevant groups was discussed - How the funding required to support the programme and how the impact of the programme is presented in the paper was discussed 	<p>Circulate final paper to D/Taoiseach and NPHEAT sub-groups Chairs (having considered the input and feedback received from all), and then forward to EAG, and then NPHEAT</p>
6.	Role of REAG: self-assessment	Discuss at next meeting
7.	National COVID-19 Biorepository	Discuss at next meeting
8.	Communication	Discuss at next meeting
9.	AOB	