



Medical Devices Criticality Assessment Group
Thursday, 02nd April 2020

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MAIN POINTS

- Ventilators:
 - The HSE continue to seek procurement of as many ventilators as possible, in preparation for possible future surge conditions
 - Further deliveries received this week
 - All hospitals remain fully serviced.
- Oxygen:
 - HSE assessment of hospital oxygen delivery infrastructure is ongoing.
 - Oxygen supplier have sent HSE a detailed report on their supply of oxygen.
 - Work is ongoing with an indigenous manufacturer to potentially reclassify industrial cylinders for clinical use.
 - Noted that patients requiring oxygen at home will not need cylinders, as they use oxygen compressors.
- Testing:
 - Recent and upcoming deliveries of swabs meeting demand. Risk posed by global shortages of sample collection swabs to Ireland's testing strategy now addressed with secure supply lines.
 - HSE informed group that the NVRL is progressing work on using locally manufactured testing equipment.
 - Continued work on diversifying test sources remains important, as emphasised by emerging global shortages of testing reagents.
- Hand Sanitiser Gel:
 - Indigenous manufacture is providing a consistent supply, securing long-term security of servicing healthcare needs.
 - Intention is now build up supplies to get ahead of the demand curve.
- PPE:
 - Face shields: Many small orders being received, with satisfactorily short supply chains, to meet ongoing demands. HPRA working with HSA to facilitate suppliers' access to market in accordance with Commission Recommendation 2020/403.
 - Supply of gowns being monitored: currently a low risk but with reliance on a very long supply chain.



- FFP2/3 masks remain a priority, with increased security of supply sought.
- HSE National Renal Office is working with primary supplier on a more detailed picture of current need and supply, addressing risk posed by a potential worsening infection rate elsewhere in Europe which would increase market demand.
- CRRT machines: HSE awaiting delivery of further CRRT machines. Sufficient stock available to meet current clinical requirements.
- HSE advised that a governance framework for distribution of devices and equipment to non-ICU settings needs to be formalised. Decision-making on distribution between hospitals currently sits *de facto* with the Medical Devices team within HSE. Clinical oversight on this required. MDCAG to seek information on non-ICU settings with a view to identifying appropriate clinical oversight.