



**Medical Devices Criticality Assessment Group**  
**Thursday, 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2020**

**Attendee:** **HSE:** Fergal Collins, Emma Benton, Prof. George Mellotte, Ger Flynn, Brendan White, Prof. Ross Morgan, Dr. Vida Hamilton  
**HPRA:** Judith Martin, Niall MacAleenan, Nicola Hickie  
**DoH:** Colm O'Loughlin, Karen McNamara, Breifne O'Rourke, Mary Hyland

**Apologies:** **HSE:** Sean Bresnan, John Griffin, Dr. Michael Power, John Hennessy, Martin Quinlivan.  
**DoH:** Deirdre McCaughey

- Ventilators:
  - HSE remains satisfied that the gap between the current stock of ventilators and estimated requirements in the event of a surge scenario will be bridged in coming weeks.
  - Testing report expected from HSE with respect to ventilators from new suppliers not yet used in an Irish clinical setting.
- Estimated daily usage of surgical mask as per NPHE's recommendation to provide masks to all health workers (22<sup>nd</sup> April) is 1.25 million.
  - Supply chains are currently being reviewed in light of increased usage:
    - Potential domestic supplier being worked with.
    - Further candidates being worked on by Enterprise Ireland.
    - Sourcing in Asia for new supply lines underway.
- Testing: NVRL has validated machines and reagents from Asian supplier which can be used and are now being rolled out to hospitals.