



Medical Devices Criticality Assessment Group
Monday, 23rd March 2020

Attendees: **HSE:** Fergal Collins, Emma Benton, Pat O'Connor, Prof. George Mellotte, Dr. Michael Power, Ger Flynn, Anne Louise Neenan, Brendan White, Prof. Ross Morgan
HPRA: Nicola Hickie, Niall MacAleenan, Judith Martin.
DoH: Breifne O'Rourke, Colm O'Loughlin, Karen McNamara, Mary Hyland

Apologies: **HSE:** Sean Bresnan, John Hennessy

- HSE advised that PPE remains a critical priority as there has been a significant increase in PPE usage in recent days. HPSC guidelines on PPE usage remain appropriate and HSE continues to seek improved supply lines to ensure short, medium and long-term sustainability of supply.
 - An Irish company is starting production of face shields and have been liaising with the HPRA regarding the medical devices regulatory framework.
- HSE is in the process of securing thermometers and home blood pressure monitors, as required by dialysis services.
- Testing equipment:
 - It was agreed that a separate line item should be included to distinguish *testing kits* from *sample collection kits (including swabs)*, to better inform MDCAG of progress, particularly in light of continued work to address specific issue of testing swabs.
- Hand sanitiser gels : newly established self-sufficiency in hand sanitiser gels production has removed Ireland's dependency on the challenging global market. Long-term supply of containers is the next focus in building up supply sustainability.
- Modelling data to be shared confidentially with relevant group members.