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.