



**Medical Devices Criticality Assessment Group**  
**Thursday, 26<sup>th</sup> March 2020**

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

**Apologies:** **HSE:** Sean Bresnan

- Ventilators:
  - All hospitals currently fully serviced for existing ICU occupancy. Focus remains on increasing ventilation capacity, to address risk of a surge in cases.
  - The exact model types and CE-markings of upcoming deliveries are being assessed.
- Sample Collection Swabs:
  - Large deliveries are due in the coming weeks and will relieve short-term pressure on supply.
- Test kits:
  - Supplies are marginally ahead of the demand curve; HSE seeking to build up stocks to mitigate risk of competitive global market.
  - There are significant numbers on order, with large delivery expected by the end of week.
  - Alternatives to the most commonly used testing kit are being worked on in conjunction with Beaumont Hospital, in order to guard against risks to Ireland's testing strategy posed by a global shortage of any particular testing kit.
- Alcohol sanitiser gel:
  - New supply chain deliveries began arriving in hospitals on Tuesday (24<sup>th</sup> March)
  - Another private company intend to donate significant amounts of alcohol for manufacturing purposes.
  - DoH facilitating contact between DBEI and HSE regarding private companies which may be able to address interim requirements while indigenous production is ramped up.
- PPE
  - Face shields:
    - Indigenous supply to come into effect in coming weeks
    - Further orders from Asian supplier expected to further support supplies.
    - Private non-medical company is assisting in the short term by donating face shields.
  - First plane from China with supplies expected Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> March.
- Dialysis patients: PPE requirements for dialysis patients communicated within HSE and will be accounted for in procurement and distribution.
- Oxygen supply: HSE compiling a report to review existing oxygen delivery infrastructure within hospitals.