



Medical Devices Criticality Assessment Group
Monday, 27th April 2020

Attendees: **HSE:** Fergal Collins, Emma Benton, Prof. George Mellotte, Ger Flynn, Brendan White, Dr. Vida Hamilton, Prof. Ross Morgan.

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DoH: Colm O'Loughlin, Mary Hyland, Breifne O'Rourke.

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- Ventilators
 - On foot of HSE testing, certain orders of ventilators are deemed unsuitable for use in Irish clinical setting, pending a finalised report on testing. These ventilators were not used in a clinical setting in Ireland due to testing carried out by HSE.
 - Adjustments to procurement have been made in light of this HSE decision: orders from particular suppliers have been cancelled and one large order has been changed to equivalent value of PPE
 - 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.

- Other ICU devices
 - Further syringe drivers due for delivery this week. Contingency supply to meet surge requirements not yet in place but all hospitals remain fully serviced at current requirements.
 - Additional infusion pumps to be delivered over next 2 weeks. All hospitals remain fully serviced at current requirements.

- Testing equipment:
 - New agreement with German lab to process tests due to be operational from this evening.
 - Note that main contract for test swabs from Asia from beginning of May will supply 100k per week for 10 weeks.
 - Still importing testing swabs from secondary supplier in Europe.

- PPE
 - New FFP2 masks (domestically manufactured) have been approved within HSE for clinical use.
 - Surgical masks: current stock sufficient to meet short-term demand, but medium and long-term contingency being worked on.
 - Additional 500k per day due from Asian supplier beginning Friday, 1 May.
 - Two potential (overseas) sources of washable gowns, but preference would be for indigenous supply of this item. Not yet confirmed if these will meet necessary standards and are suitable for use.