



**Medical Devices Criticality Assessment Group**  
**Thursday, 30<sup>th</sup> April 2020**

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

**Apologies:** **HSE:** Sean Bresnan, John Griffin, John Hennessy  
**DoH:** Deirdre McCaughey

- DoH acknowledged the work carried out to date, particularly in light of ongoing pressures; emphasised the need for transparency and issues arising which cannot be fully addressed within the MDCAG should continue to be escalated to NPHEP.
  - Noted: the interconnectedness of the respective lines of work being carried out by different working groups involved in the emergency response.
- Ventilators:
  - The gap between current stocks and target continues to be closed. 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.
  - An update on ventilator testing is expected early next week (week beginning 4<sup>th</sup> May).
- Oxygen:
  - HSE advised that oxygen supply is well within capacity (between 1000 and 1300 ventilators).
  - Primary supplier of oxygen are working with HSE to improve capacity.
  - Oxygen cylinders are being brought into nursing homes.
  - HSE is satisfied that the risk to oxygen supply has been addressed and that capacity is in place to meet surge requirements.
- CRRT:
  - Additional deliveries continuing to come in.
  - HSE is working on guidance to reduce demand on renal replacement therapy and to increase lifespan of kits.
- 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.
  - Procurement of infusion pumps is ongoing. All hospitals remain fully serviced at current requirements.



- Gowns: Deliveries are coming from Asia.
  - The full order is for over 2 million.
  - It is not certain how many of that number will ultimately be shipped.
  - Global demand could disrupt the fulfilment of orders.
  - Domestic production is being developed to add resilience to supply lines and mitigate potential risk of disruption to order fulfilment due to global demand.
  - Long-term strategy is to move towards use of reusable gowns as a more sustainable model of long-term supply.
  
- Masks:
  - It is estimated that current stocks of 3.6 million surgical masks amounts to approximately 10 days of stock, at current rate of usage. Increased demand is anticipated over time.
  - Government-level diplomatic efforts underway to open new surgical mask supply line from Asia.
  - Four potential domestic producers of surgical masks and two of fibres necessary for production are 4-6 weeks away from coming on-line.
  - Two new mask types have passed testing for marking as FFP2.