Medical Devices Criticality Assessment Group  
Monday, 30th March 2020

Attendees:  
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Apologies:  
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- **Ventilators:**  
  - Procurement underway to increase stocks in case of future surge requirements.  
  - All hospitals remain fully serviced.  
  - Current challenges:  
    - Global restrictions on exports of ventilators and component parts.  
    - Volatile market leading to significantly increased prices  
    - Larger economies limiting scope of Irish entry to market for orders on ventilators.

- **Oxygen supply:**  
  - HSE assessment of hospital oxygen delivery infrastructure is ongoing.  
  - Supplies of cylinders being examined with a view to strengthening supply lines.

- **Testing equipment:**  
  - Stocks of swabs strengthening, with pressure on supply also reducing, as compared with recent weeks.  
  - A number of tests are undergoing validation in hospital laboratories. Health Technology Assessment is underway with HIQA  
  - Continued work on diversifying test sources remains important, as emphasised by emerging global shortages of testing reagents.

- **PPE:**  
  - Supplies from first air delivery from China (29 March) are being distributed.  
  - FFP2 masks in the above delivery were reclassified upon inspection to surgical masks; none were used as FFP2 in a clinical setting, prior to this inspection. Indigenous manufacturer in the process of ramping up production has therefore been asked to adjust capacity to produce FFP2 accordingly.  
  - Irish manufacture of disposable masks is a few weeks away.

- **CRRT machines:**  
  - HSE liaising with manufacturer to explore options to increase supply capacity.  
  - CRRT machines will be crucial to ICUs in the event of surge conditions.