Medical Devices Criticality Assessment Group  
Thursday, 09th April 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  
HPRA: Nicola Hickie, Niall MacAleenan, Judith Martin.  
DoH: Colm O’Loughlin, Karen McNamara, Mary Hyland, Deirdre McCaughey, Breifne O’Rourke.

Apologies:  
HSE: Sean Bresnan, John Griffin,

- Ventilators:  
  o Deliveries ongoing, to address potential risk of surge conditions.  
  o All hospitals remain fully serviced.  
  o HPRA to publish information updates for healthcare professionals on its website on anaesthetic ventilator devices next week

- CRRT machines  
  o Internal HSE meeting to further assess needs and supply capacities.  
  o All hospitals remain fully serviced.

- Testing  
  o New test kits from international supplier currently being validated  
  o Local manufacturer planned to scale up to 10k tests per day by end of April.

- PPE  
  o HSE running daily deliveries to healthcare settings.  
  o Has been necessary to impose daily caps on distribution of certain products given supply limitations.  
  o HSE working with Enterprise Ireland to increase domestic production of surgical masks.  
  o Work ongoing to increase orders and deliveries, in order to match overall supply to demand from hospitals.

- Dialysis bloodlines  
  o Supply now relatively secure following engagement with manufacturer. No immediate concerns.

- AOB – Export restrictions that could affect Irish supply  
  o China has introduced new export restrictions on PPE, to ensure that counterfeit products and/or documentation are not exported to other countries.  
  o Exporters now require approval from Chinese authorities, typically a 12-18 day process. This has potential to delay PPE supplies already ordered from China. HSE & IDA already working on the issue, with support from DFAT.