



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:
 - Deliveries ongoing, to address potential risk of surge conditions.
 - All hospitals remain fully serviced.
 - HPRA to publish information updates for healthcare professionals on its website on anaesthetic ventilator devices next week
- CRRT machines
 - Internal HSE meeting to further assess needs and supply capacities.
 - All hospitals remain fully serviced.
- Testing
 - New test kits from international supplier currently being validated
 - Local manufacturer planned to scale up to 10k tests per day by end of April.
- PPE
 - HSE running daily deliveries to healthcare settings.
 - Has been necessary to impose daily caps on distribution of certain products given supply limitations.
 - HSE working with Enterprise Ireland to increase domestic production of surgical masks.
 - Work ongoing to increase orders and deliveries, in order to match overall supply to demand from hospitals.
- Dialysis bloodlines
 - Supply now relatively secure following engagement with manufacturer. No immediate concerns.
- AOB – Export restrictions that could affect Irish supply
 - China has introduced new export restrictions on PPE, to ensure that counterfeit products and/or documentation are not exported to other countries.
 - 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.